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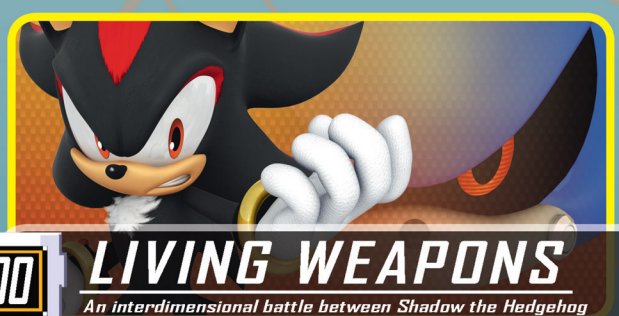
10 SONIC DASH
The hit mobile game is getting the comic book treatment! In this exclusive adaptation Sonic is on the hunt for red rings, but not without a little chaos from some familiar faces!

17 AT ALL COSTS
Dr. Eggman is plotting something big and Sonic doesn't have much time to spare. It all boils down to a chaotic clash that will alter the very core of Sonic's world!

66 REMEMBRANCE
Sonic's foes come in many shapes and sizes, and sometimes at super-speed! Enter the Babylon Rogues: a trio of airborne rebels out to wreck havoc!



100 LIVING WEAPONS
An interdimensional battle between Shadow the Hedgehog and Metal Sonic comes to a close as the two stand off in the last place anyone would think to look: the world of Blaze the Cat!

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LETTERS

Hi everyone! I hope you all brought your running shoes because we've got a comic that'll run rings around the rest! It's the *Sonic Dash*™ comic adaptation based on the hit mobile game that everyone is rushing to play! We hope you enjoy it and write in to tell us what you thought! Alongside this awesome adaptation we have some really neat news, graphic novel previews, and a game review of Sega's latest title, *Sonic Lost World*™! It's all here in the Sonic Super Special! Now let's chow down on some of the usual!

Dear 'Super Special Delivery',
I am Sonic's #1 fan (at least I hope I am; I know alot of other people have applied for the job) and I wanted to ask a few questions.

Due to the economy, we have been forced to carefully review each "Sonic's #1 fan" claim and -- GREAT news! We have hereby deemed them all valid!

1. Is Patrick "SPAZ" Spaziante going to be having any public signings?

The Archie-Sonic crew have been traveling a lot lately, so keep your eyes peeled to ArchieComics.com and our facebook and twitter for all updates on future creator signings! As for Spaz, we'll try and coax him out for ya! Make sure you all write in and tell us who you want to see sign books at upcoming shows!

2. Are you going to have another art contest??

We will! It's TBA but it will happen again soon!

3. Are there any chances of SEGA making a game based after the comic??

There's always the possiblity! We would love to see a comic-centric adventure, but I wonder what type of game it would be? Platformer? RPG? Racing? What do you guys think?

4. Are you going to be making a comic adaptation of the upcoming Sonic cartoon Sonic Boom?

We'd lo[illegible]

SPOILERS!

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5. Are you going to be making a comic adaption of any of the Sonic olympic games??

We've already done a summer olympics story in Sonic the Hedgehog issue 242 (available now for digital download on your favorite mobile device plugplugplug!). However, we haven't seen Sonic and his pals in the winter olympics yet... hmmm...

That is all and I just wanted to say I have a large collection of Sonic comics especially the old ones and I'll stick with the series until it stops probably in 100 years or maybe longer. I want the series to keep making issues until forever!! I love reading your books and keep making the stories Way Past Cool

Sincerely Sonic's #1 Fan
Giovanni D.

Until forever, huh?! Sounds like a challenge to me!

Dear 'Super Special Delivery',
I absolutely loved the new Sonic Super Special!

Hooray! This makes me happy!

Being a long time Sonic fan, watching the Blue Blur evolve these past 14 years of my life has brought tears to my eyes. The whole Archie team has done a terrific job over all these years, and I'd just like to give my thanks to every one of you.

You're welcome! Thanks so much for the kind words!

Hopefully someday soon I'll have reached my dream and be working with you all. I hope you continue to create such great comics like Sonic and more!

Sonic fan since birth,
Josh

Thanks for the letter, Josh! We look forward to the future and wish you the best of luck!

Dear 'Super Special Delivery'
My name is Dequavius and I'm 20 years old and I just want to say that I love reading your comics and the fact you guys tell more about the "blue blur" than the video games had to offer. My favorite one is the "Sonic Genesis" story because it shows more of the details in terms of the story and I was mind-blown.

We loved exploring the original Sonic games in a more thorough way. If you really liked Sonic Genesis, you should check out Sonic Select vol. 9 which collects a whole slew of our video-game comic adaptations in one neat package! Plugplugplugplugplugplugplug!

I just want to tell you guys to keep up the good work and keep this legendary video game mascot alive for old and future generations.

We will, but you should know by now that there is no stopping Sonic!

One more thing, what was your favorite Sonic game you played? Mine is "Sonic adventure 1".

Dequavius P.

Thanks for writing in Dequavius! My favorite Sonic game has to be Sonic the Hedgehog 3 for the original Sega Genesis!

Dear 'Super Special Delivery',
Yo Archie!

Wuzzuh!

I shall have the usual.

Hold on, lemme call in our head chef!

1. Will we be seeing the Werehog anytime soon?

What makes you ask that? :) Come to think of it, something is certainly up with Sonic ever since he inhaled that mystery gas...

2. WHERE IS SHADOW?!?!?!?

Shadow and his Team Dark are currently on the new Black Comet and are fighting the remaining troops of the Black Arms in the Sonic Universe story arc: Shadow Fall! It's happening right now so be sure to pick it up!

Thank you so much.
Marcus B.

Thanks for writing in, Marcus!

That's all for now, folks! See all you super special fans next letters column! Until then, write to us at Super Special Delivery to get your letter in the Sonic Super Special! Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!

SUPER SHOUT-OUTS

"You guys are so awesome with the Sonic Super Special and Sonic Super Digest magazines. THEY ARE WAY, WAY, WAY, WAAAAY PAST COOOOL!"
~James M.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

"YOU GUYS ROCK!!!"
~ Cam G.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

"Keep up the good work!"
~ Katelyn A.
from Florida

"Hey Sonic Super Special Magazine, are there any plans for a second poster issue?!"
~ Rudy
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

"I hope the current creative team stays together forever, and makes a thousand more comics. Thank you very much for publishing them!"
~ Justin D.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

THE PLANET-SIZED JIGSAW PUZZLE!

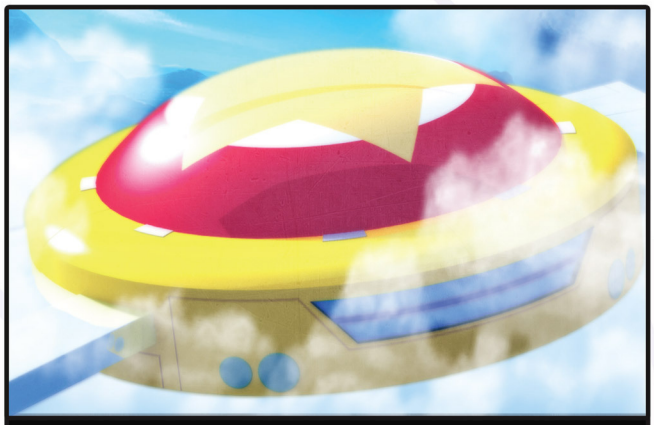
The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! Whole continents now fly in the sky with the entire planetary mantel exposed! What dark power is keeping the world's pieces afloat? What can be done to set things right? All that and more is part of Sonic's next adventure!

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters went through terrible trauma as their memories of the old reality were restored. But there's no time for them to recover – the world needs heroes! There first stop is the city of Station Square in Sonic the Hedgehog #257 as they react to the crisis in its zero hour!

The reunited Freedom Fighters assemble to save Station Square in Sonic the Hedgehog issue 257, featuring pencils by Evan Stanley!

DID YOU KNOW...

Station Square has been the victim of a supernatural disaster once before when Dr. Eggman summoned the water god Chaos to do his bidding. The whole city was practically underwater as Chaos ran amuck! Check out Sonic Archives Volumes 21 & 22 for the whole story!



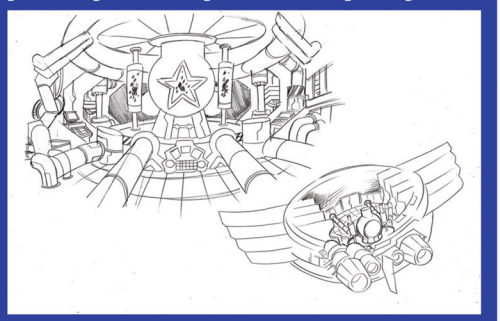
The Freedom Fighters' base, the Sky Patrol!

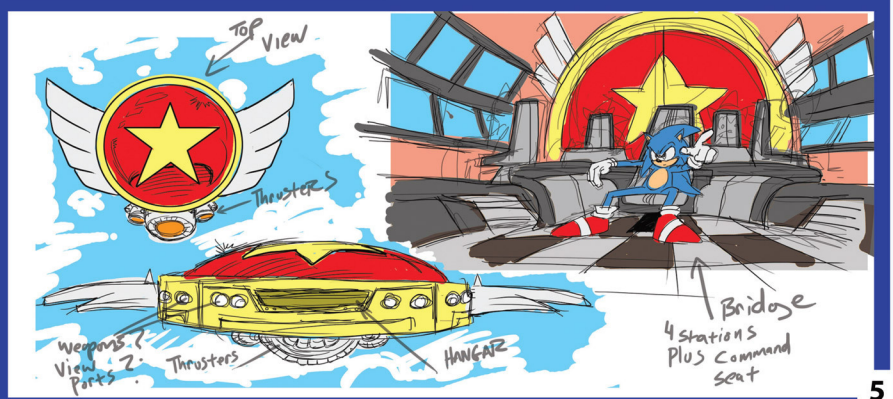
Once things settle down, it becomes a matter of action instead of reaction. How do they fix the planet? Professor Pickle and Uncle Chuck might be on the right track to a solution – which is why Dr. Eggman kidnaps them! It's a race against time as Sonic and the Freedom Fighters rush to the professors' rescue in "The Chase," coming soon in Sonic the Hedgehog #258-259.

And how will our heroes do all this? It was hard enough to travel the world when it was one piece! The answer: the Sky Patrol! This flying fortress has everything the Freedom Fighters need: places to sleep, places to train, a launch base for all their flying craft, and a way to navigate the unfriendly skies of the ruined planet.

The "Countdown to Chaos" is over – now the chaos is upon us! Don't miss this chance to join Sonic on his greatest adventure yet from the very beginning! ■

Sky Patrol interior and exterior concept sketches by Tracy Yardley and Jerry Gaylord!





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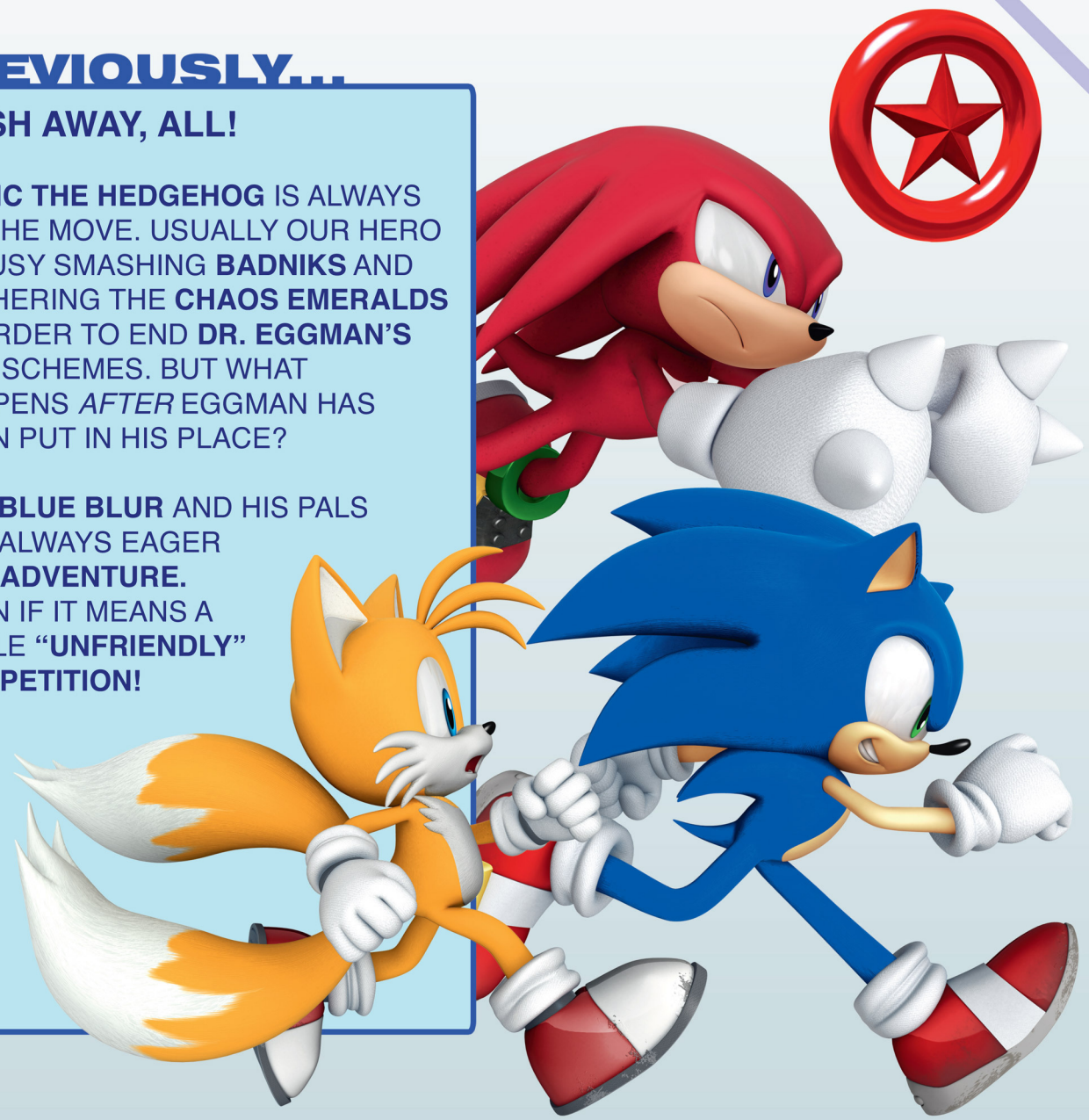
THE DASH FOR RED STAR RINGS BEGINS!

PREVIOUSLY...

DASH AWAY, ALL!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS ALWAYS ON THE MOVE. USUALLY OUR HERO IS BUSY SMASHING **BADNIKS** AND GATHERING THE **CHAOS EMERALDS** IN ORDER TO END **DR. EGGMAN'S** EVIL SCHEMES. BUT WHAT HAPPENS *AFTER* EGGMAN HAS BEEN PUT IN HIS PLACE?

THE **BLUE BLUR** AND HIS PALS ARE ALWAYS EAGER FOR **ADVENTURE.** EVEN IF IT MEANS A LITTLE **"UNFRIENDLY" COMPETITION!**



DID YOU KNOW...

Sonic Dash™ is not the only awesome Sonic-centric mobile game available now. Sonic Jump™ precedes the endless runner and is just as fun! Check out both games for your mobile devices as well as the special comic adaptation of Sonic Jump™ exclusively appearing in Sonic Super Digest issue 5, available now!

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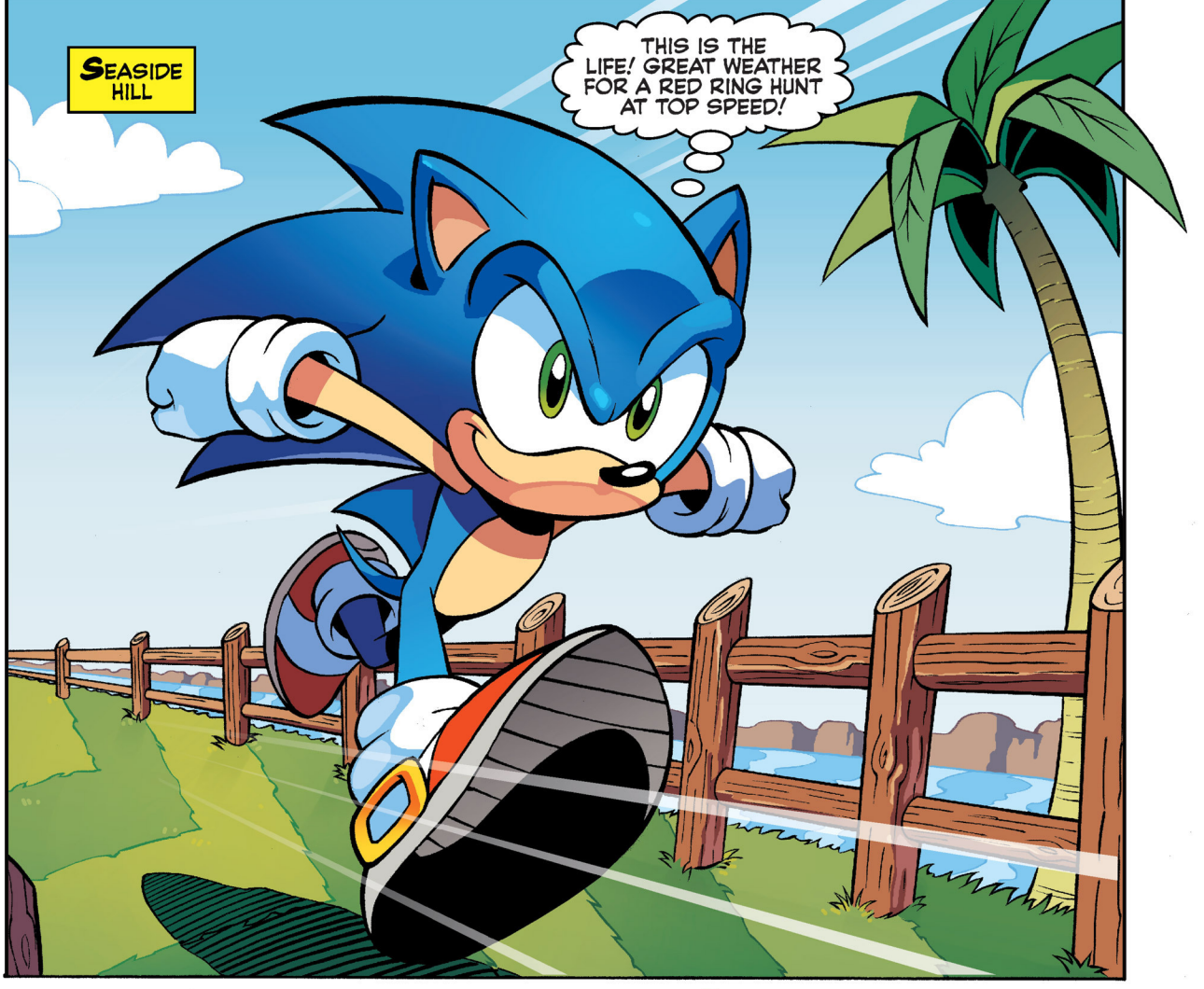

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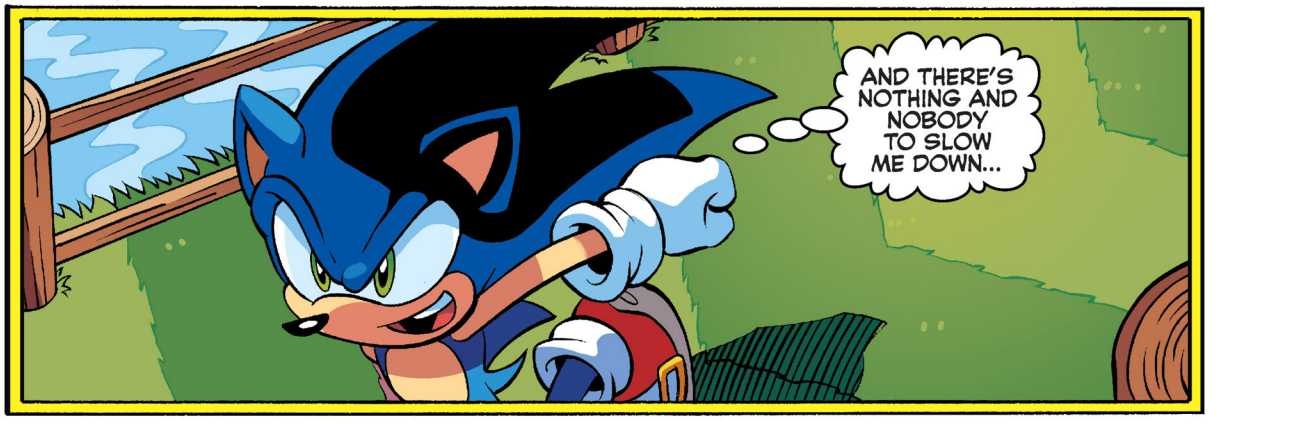
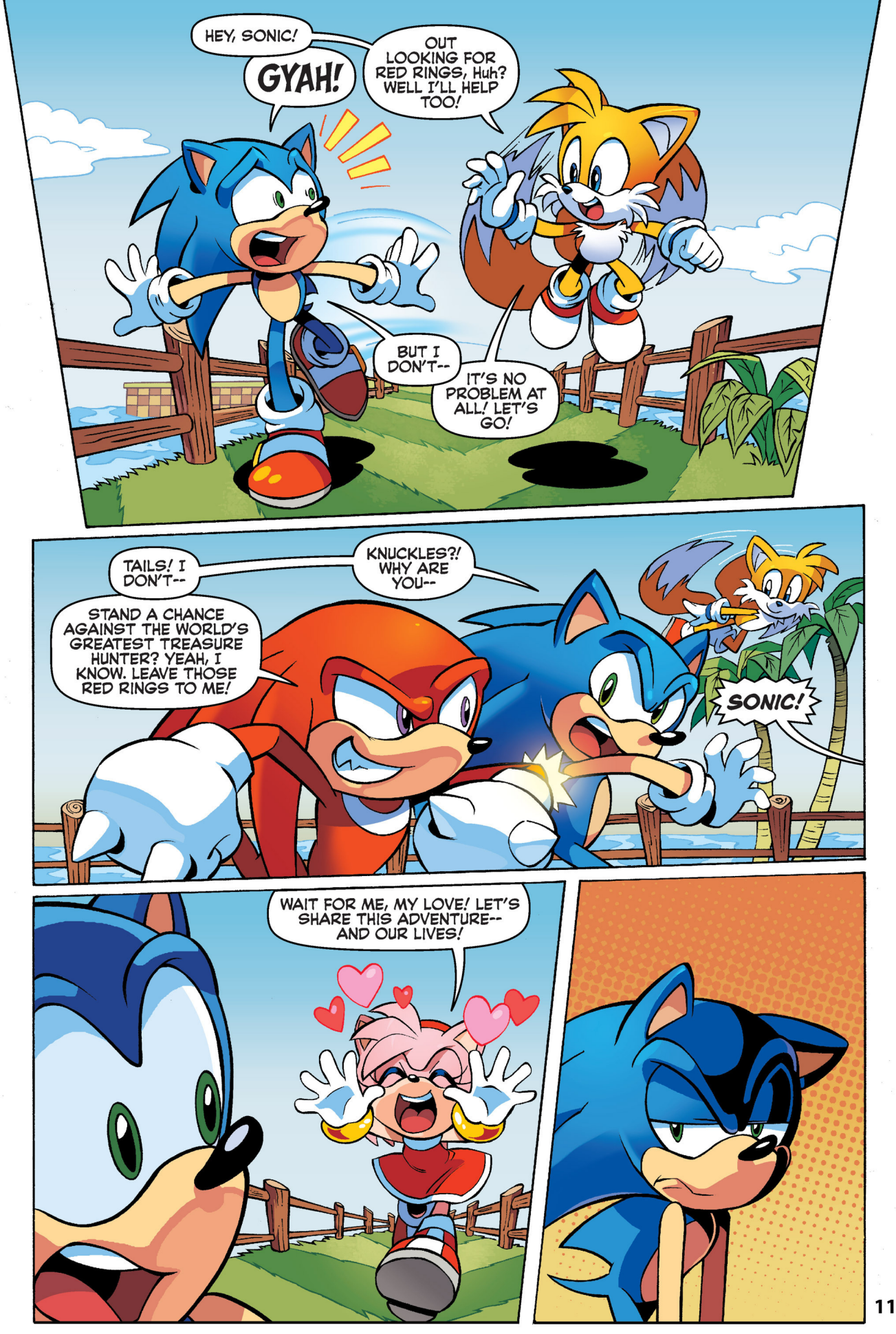
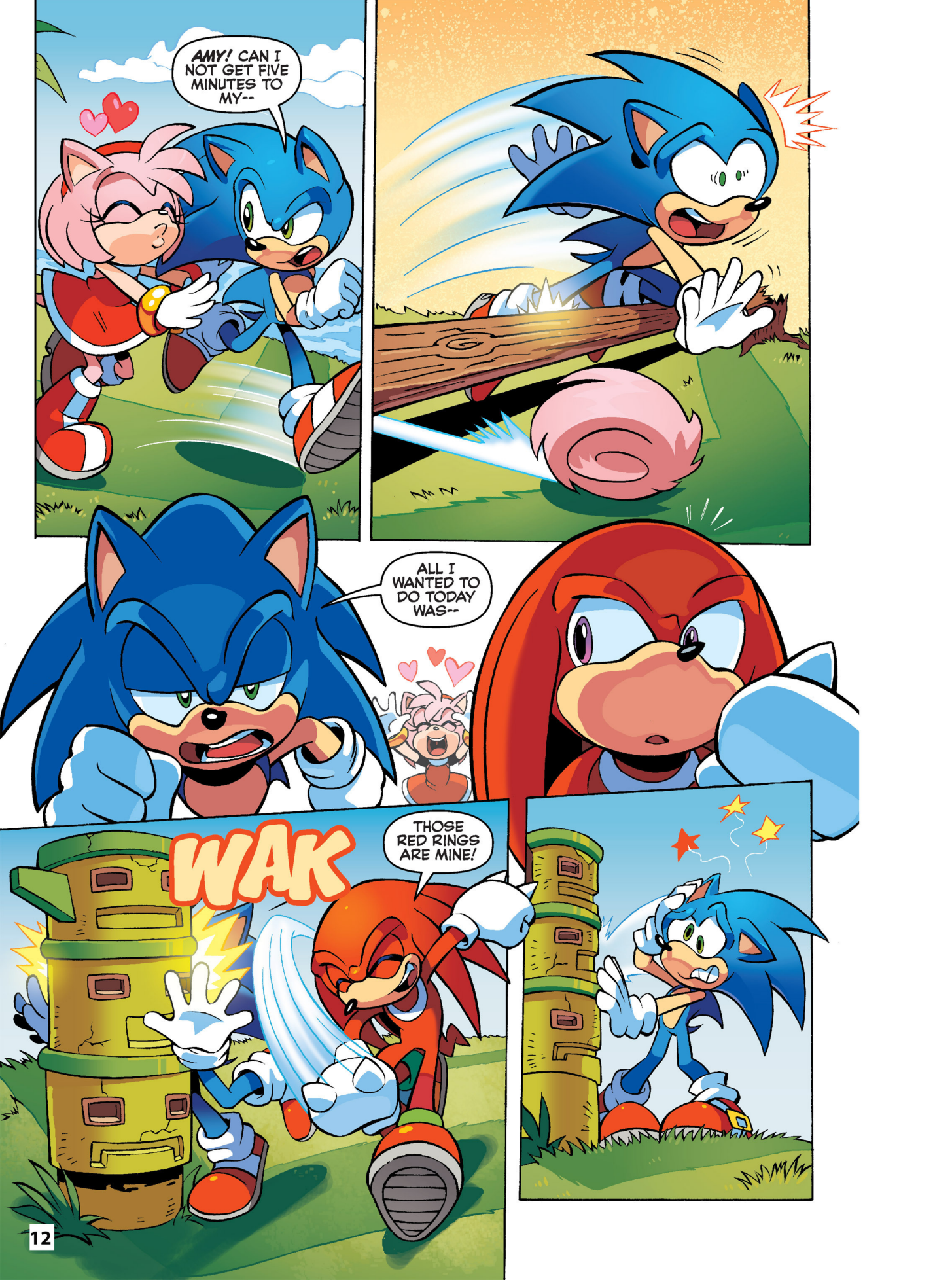
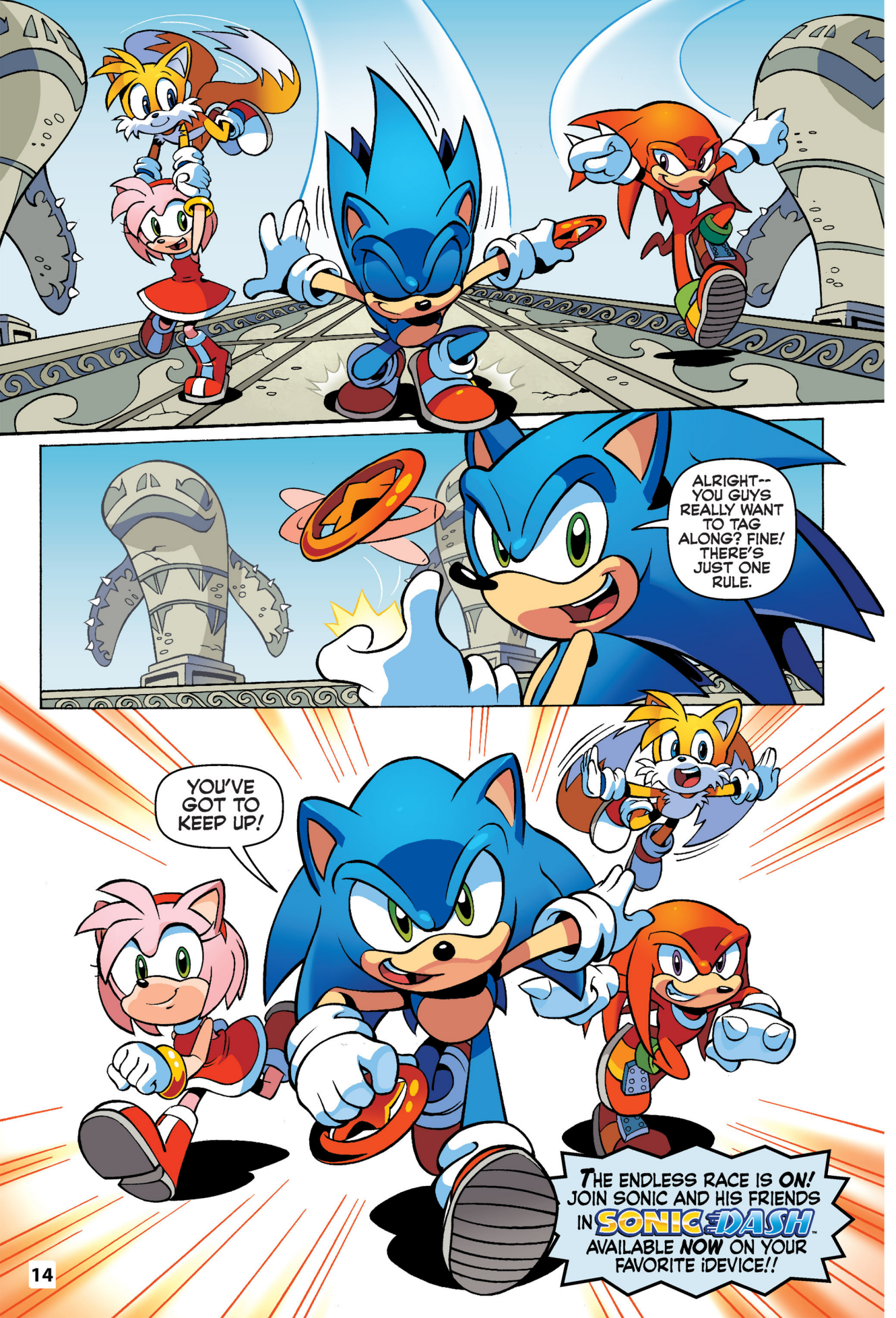



HEY, SONIC!
GYAH!
OUT LOOKING FOR RED RINGS, Huh? WELL I'LL HELP TOO!
BUT I DON'T--
IT'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL! LET'S GO!
TAILS! I DON'T--
KNUCKLES?! WHY ARE YOU--
STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THE WORLD'S GREATEST TREASURE HUNTER? YEAH, I KNOW. LEAVE THOSE RED RINGS TO ME!
SONIC!
WAIT FOR ME, MY LOVE! LET'S SHARE THIS ADVENTURE-- AND OUR LIVES!


AMY! CAN I NOT GET FIVE MINUTES TO MY--
ALL I WANTED TO DO TODAY WAS--
WAK
THOSE RED RINGS ARE MINE!

I SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY STORED FOR THIS...
GOTCHA!


ALRIGHT-- YOU GUYS REALLY WANT TO TAG ALONG? FINE! THERE'S JUST ONE RULE.
YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP UP!
THE ENDLESS RACE IS ON! JOIN SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS IN SONIC DASH™ AVAILABLE NOW ON YOUR FAVORITE iDEVICE!!

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL COMIC FEATURE:

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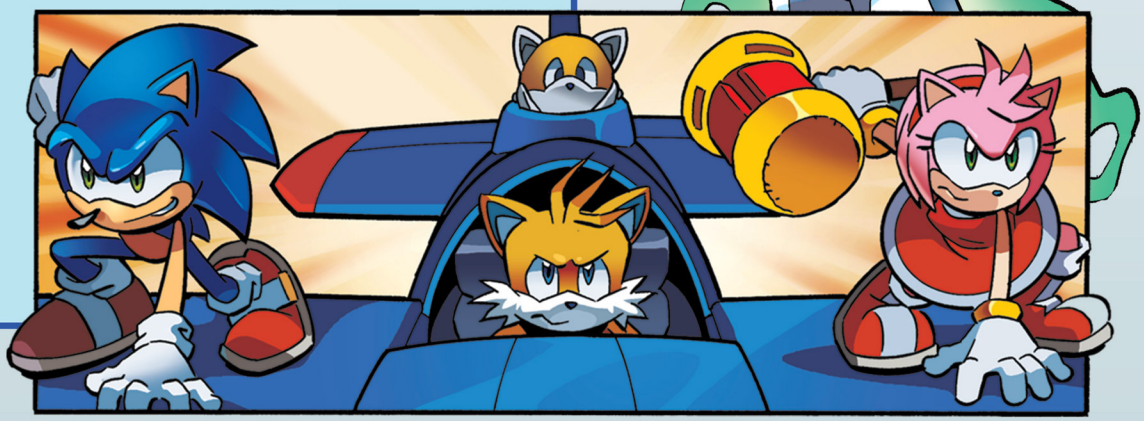
PREVIOUSLY...

SILVER THE HEDGEHOG HAS BEEN TIME-TRAVELING, TRYING TO PREVENT THE HORRIBLE **FUTURE** FROM WHICH HE CAME. ACCORDING TO LEGEND, A **TRAITOR** AMONG THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** DESTROYED THE TEAM AND PAVED THE WAY FOR DISASTER.

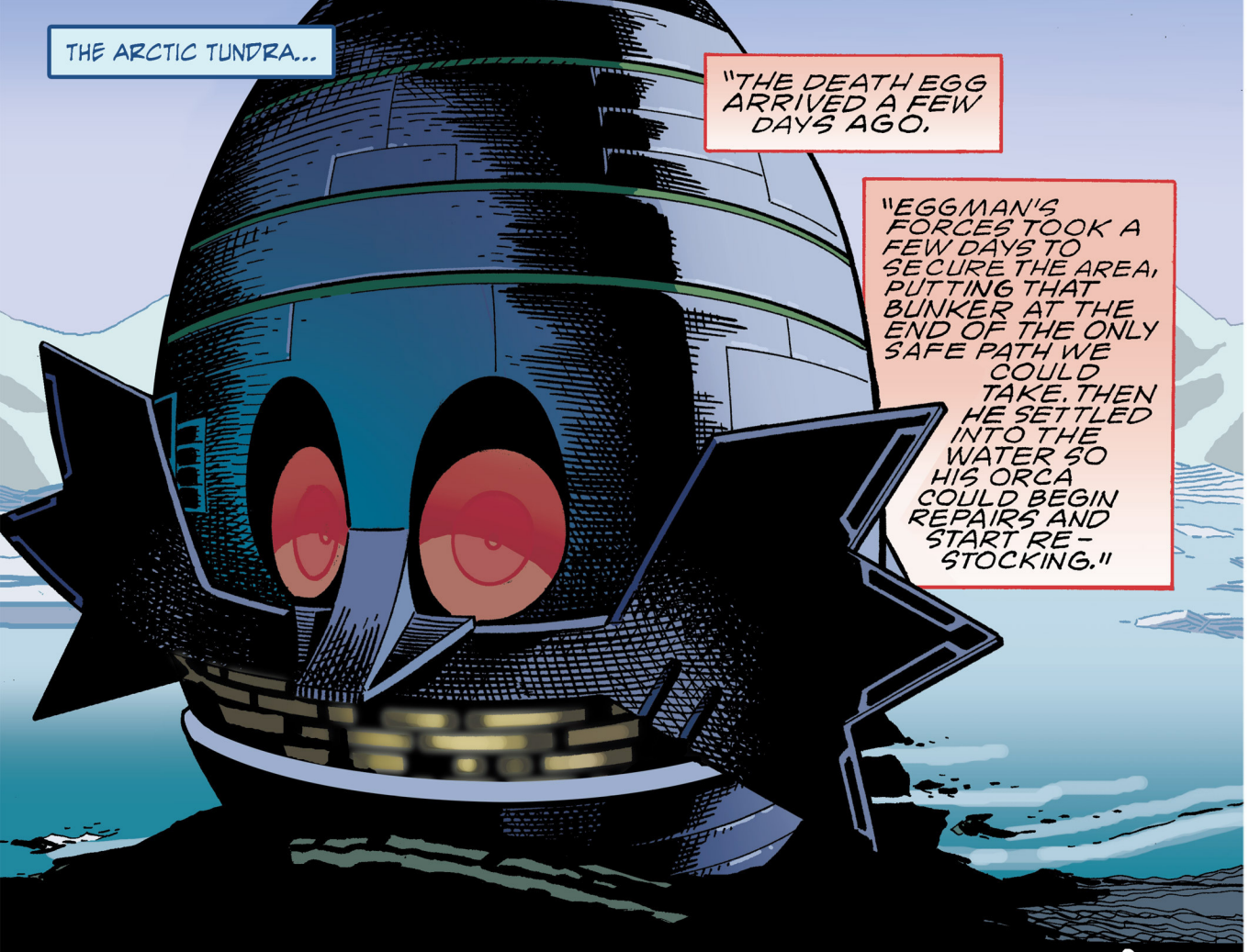
SILVER'S MADE SOME **FALSE** ASSUMPTIONS AND ACCUSATIONS, BUT NOW HE'S CERTAIN HE'S **IDENTIFIED** "THE TRAITOR". IF HE DOESN'T HELP SONIC STOP "THE TRAITOR" NOW, IT COULD BE **TOO LATE.**



DID YOU KNOW...

Penciller Evan Stanley illustrated both "At All Costs" stories. Because these stories served as the bookends to the crossover, Evan had to wait until after almost the entire Worlds Collide story was completed, to get to the second half! Now Evan is pencilling the most current stories of Sonic the Hedgehog and we cannot wait to see what she brings to the table. The future holds great things!

LAMAR WELLS
BOOSTER HEADS.


THE ARCTIC TUNDRA...
"THE DEATH EGG ARRIVED A FEW DAYS AGO.
"EGGMAN'S FORCES TOOK A FEW DAYS TO SECURE THE AREA, PUTTING THAT BUNKER AT THE END OF THE ONLY SAFE PATH WE COULD TAKE. THEN HE SETTLED INTO THE WATER SO HIS ORCA COULD BEGIN REPAIRS AND START RE-STOCKING."

AT ALL COSTS PART ONE: FATE INTERRUPTED

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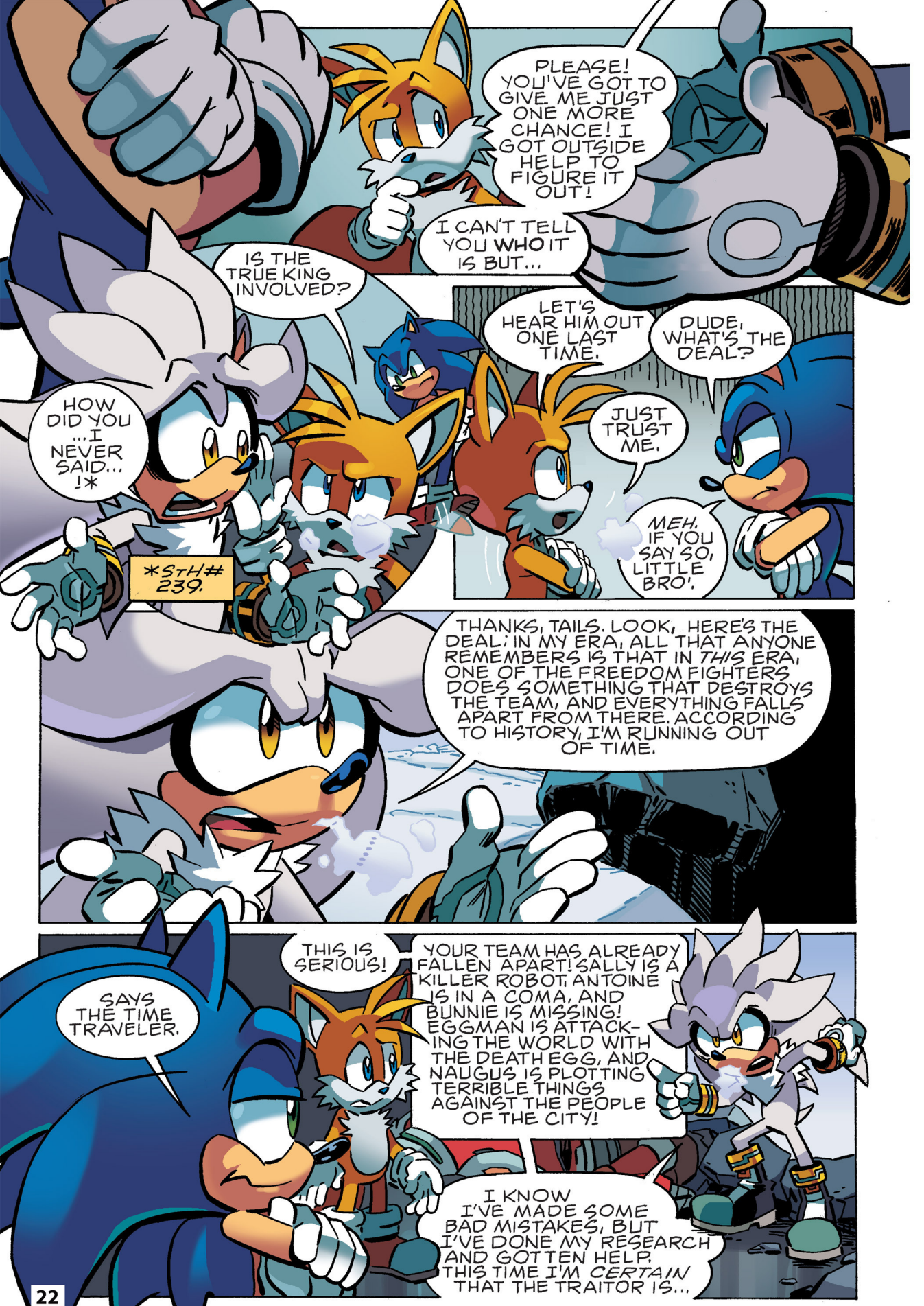
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE DOCTOR ACT SO CAUTIOUSLY. YOU'VE REALLY STRUCK SOME FEAR INTO HIM.
HE BETTER BE AFRAID! WE'VE TRACKED HIM ALL OVER THE PLANET. AND NOW HE'S CORNERED. THERE'S NO DISTRACTIONS UP HERE! THIS TIME, WE'RE RESCUING SALLY!

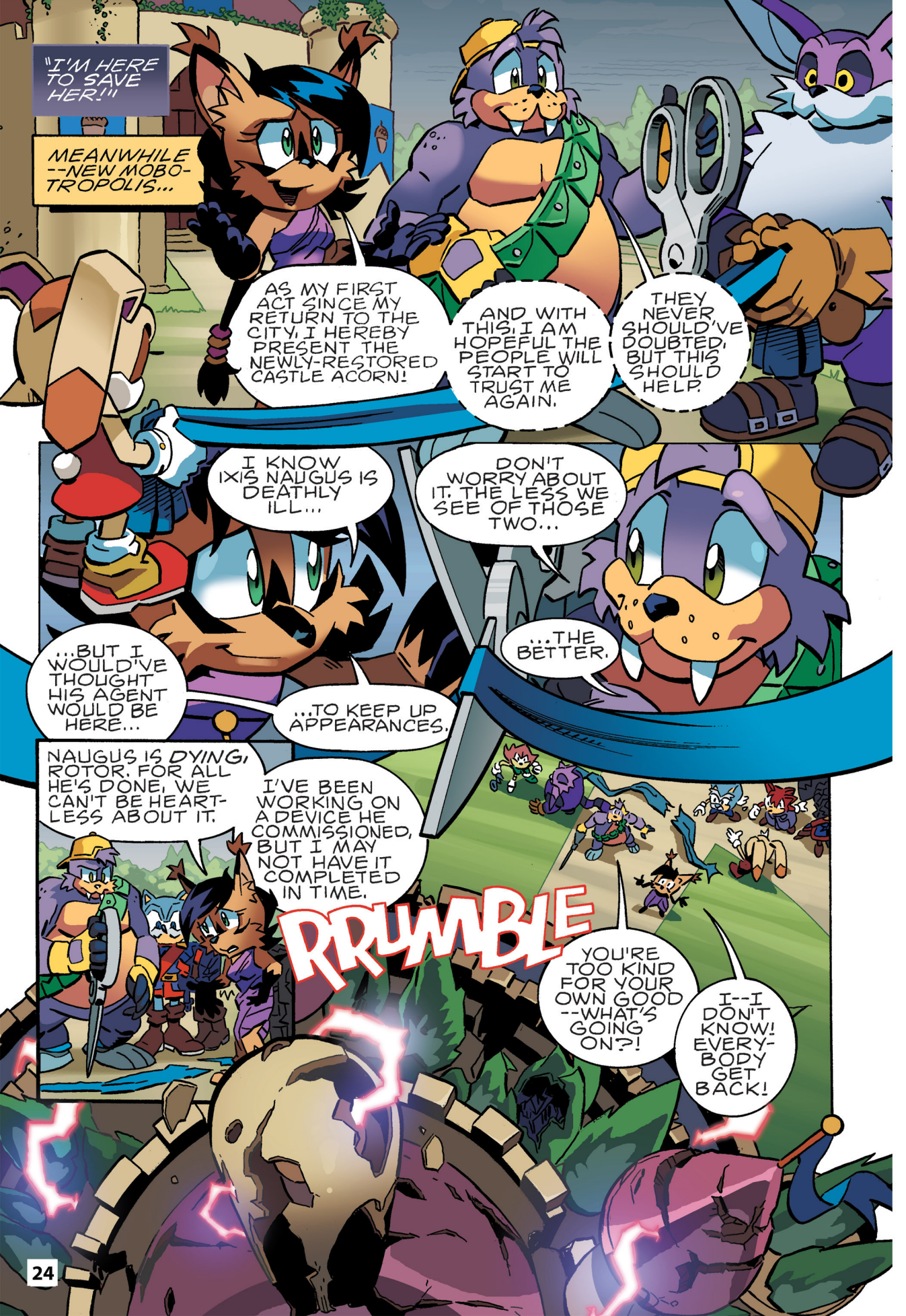
IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE AND HONOR. WHAT'S THE PLAN FOR THE PRINCESS? SHE WON'T COME QUIETLY, AND BEING ROBOTICIZED...
WE APPRECIATE THE HELP, GUNTIVER.
T-PUP HAS THE TORNADO PREPPED FOR TAKE-OFF AND KEEPING SALLY DISABLED. WE'VE GOT ...SOMEONE WORKING ON THE NEXT STEP BACK HOME...*
*LAST ISSUE!
C'MON, AMY. ERMA LOANED YOU SOME CLOTHES, AND YOU'RE STILL COLD?
WE'RE IN THE NORTHERN TUNDRA, SONIC! OF COURSE I'M COLD!
YOU'RE WEARING THE MOST OF ANY OF US.
I'M A DELICATE LADY! I CHILL EASILY!
ARE WE ALL SET?
GET LOST
YUP! JUST WAITING FOR ERMA'S SIGNAL THAT SHE'S CUT THE BUNKER'S ALARMS. WE DON'T NEED EGGMAN KNOWING--
--WE'RE HERE TOO SOON. DO WE NOW?
WELCOME
FZZT
TAILS THE FOX
AMY ROSE
THERE'S THE SIGNAL!
GUNTIVER THE ARCTIC WOLF
AUGUSTUS THE POLAR BEAR
FLIP PENGUIN
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SEALIA SEAL
TEAM FIGHTERS! ARCTIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS! LET'S DO IT TO IT!

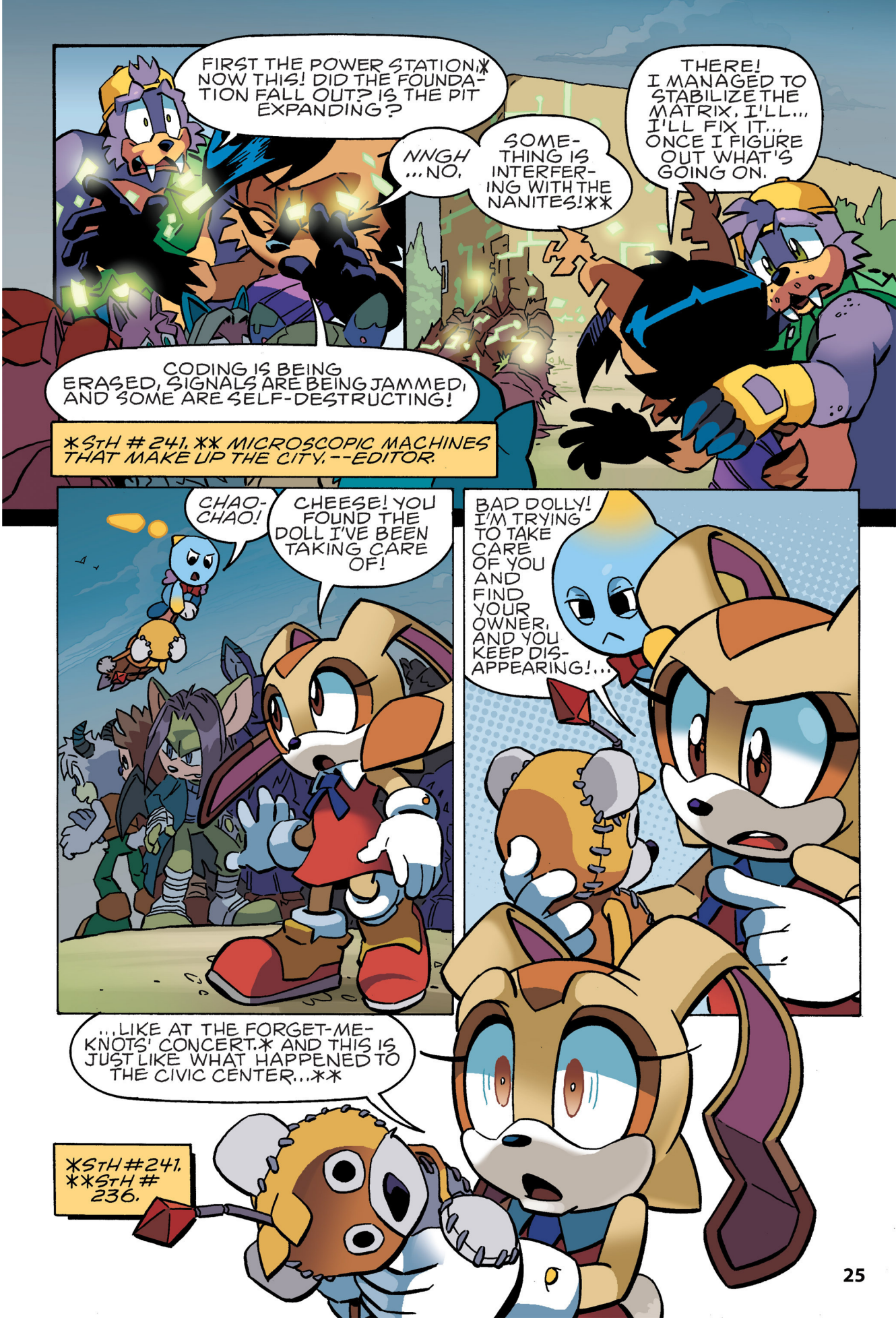
CRASH
ERMA ERMINE
KZZT
WHAT THE--
SILVER
THE HEDGEHOG™
?!

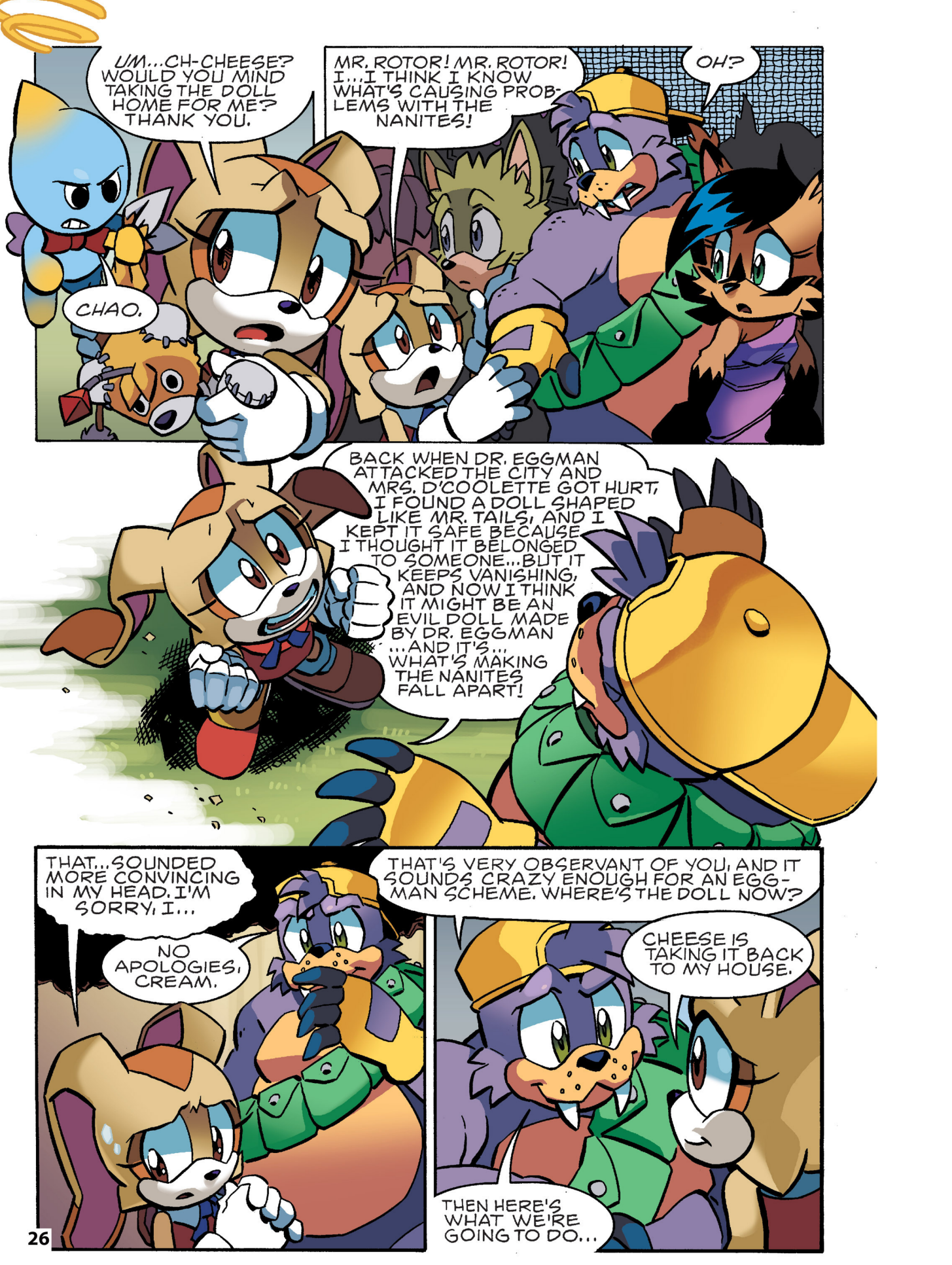
YOU.
EASY, SONIC.
NO WAY! THIS JERK HAS BEEN HOUNDING ME AND MY FRIENDS...
...WITH SOME CRAZY NOTION THAT THERE'S A TRAITOR AMONG US. IT GOT OLD *FAST* AND I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR IT NOW!
I REMEMBER. HE TRIED TO KILL ROTOR IN OUR TERRITORY.*
NO, I WAS... I WANTED...
...LOOK. I ADMIT I'VE BEEN WRONG--A *LOT*. BUT THIS TIME, I *SWEAR* I'VE GOT IT FIGURED OUT.
*STH # 215-216.
FORGET IT. I'M SICK OF YOUR ACCUSATIONS. BEAT IT.
ROOM'S SECURE, BY THE WAY.

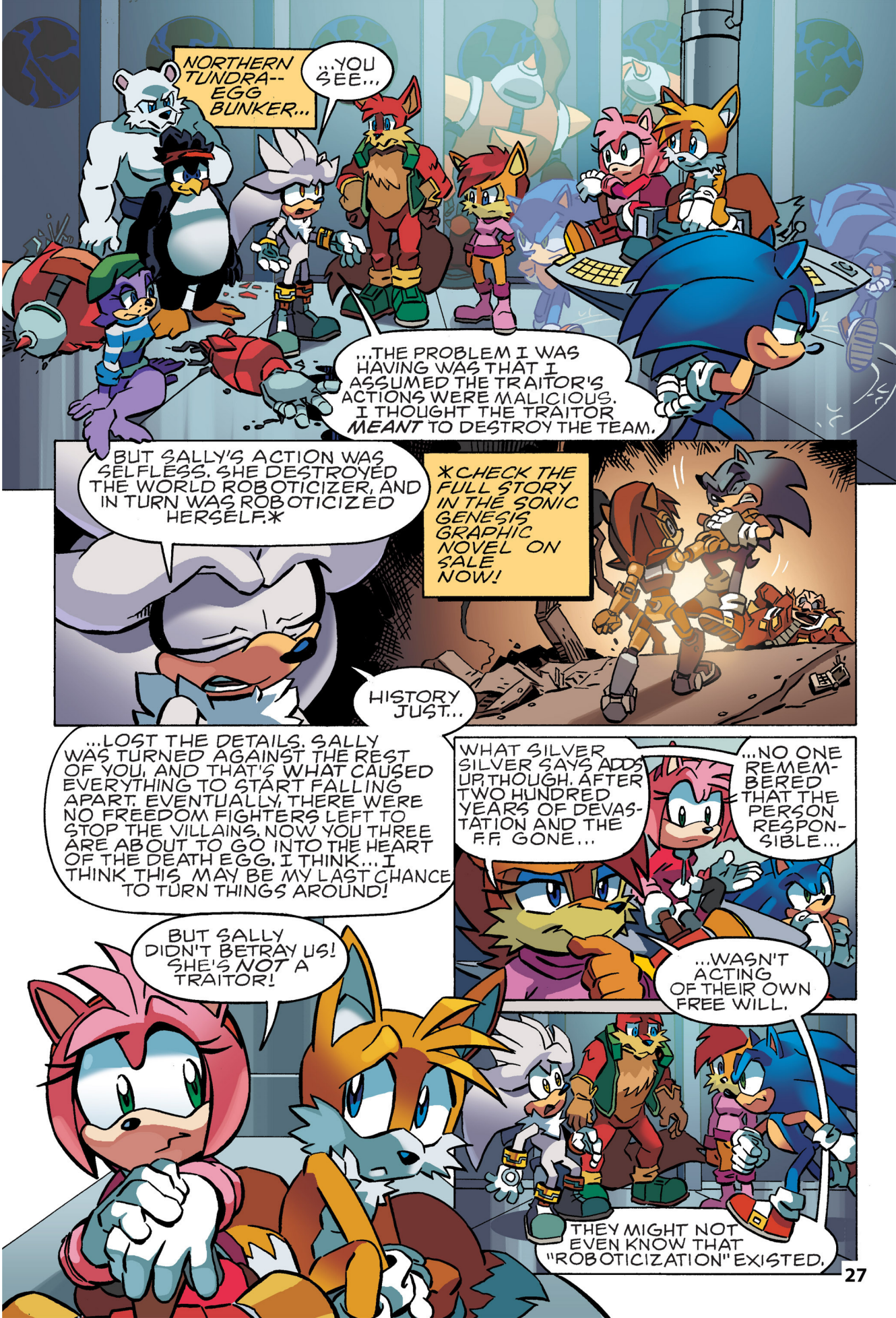

PLEASE! YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME JUST ONE MORE CHANCE! I GOT OUTSIDE HELP TO FIGURE IT OUT!
I CAN'T TELL YOU WHO IT IS BUT...
IS THE TRUE KING INVOLVED?
LET'S HEAR HIM OUT ONE LAST TIME.
DUDE, WHAT'S THE DEAL?
HOW DID YOU ...I NEVER SAID...!*
*STH# 239.
JUST TRUST ME.
MEH. IF YOU SAY SO, LITTLE BRO'.
THANKS, TAILS. LOOK, HERE'S THE DEAL; IN MY ERA, ALL THAT ANYONE REMEMBERS IS THAT IN THIS ERA, ONE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DOES SOMETHING THAT DESTROYS THE TEAM, AND EVERYTHING FALLS APART FROM THERE. ACCORDING TO HISTORY, I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
SAYS THE TIME TRAVELER.
THIS IS SERIOUS!
YOUR TEAM HAS ALREADY FALLEN APART! SALLY IS A KILLER ROBOT, ANTOINE IS IN A COMA, AND BUNNIE IS MISSING! EGGMAN IS ATTACKING THE WORLD WITH THE DEATH EGG, AND NAUGUS IS PLOTTING TERRIBLE THINGS AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY!
I KNOW I'VE MADE SOME BAD MISTAKES, BUT I'VE DONE MY RESEARCH AND GOTTEN HELP. THIS TIME I'M CERTAIN THAT THE TRAITOR IS...

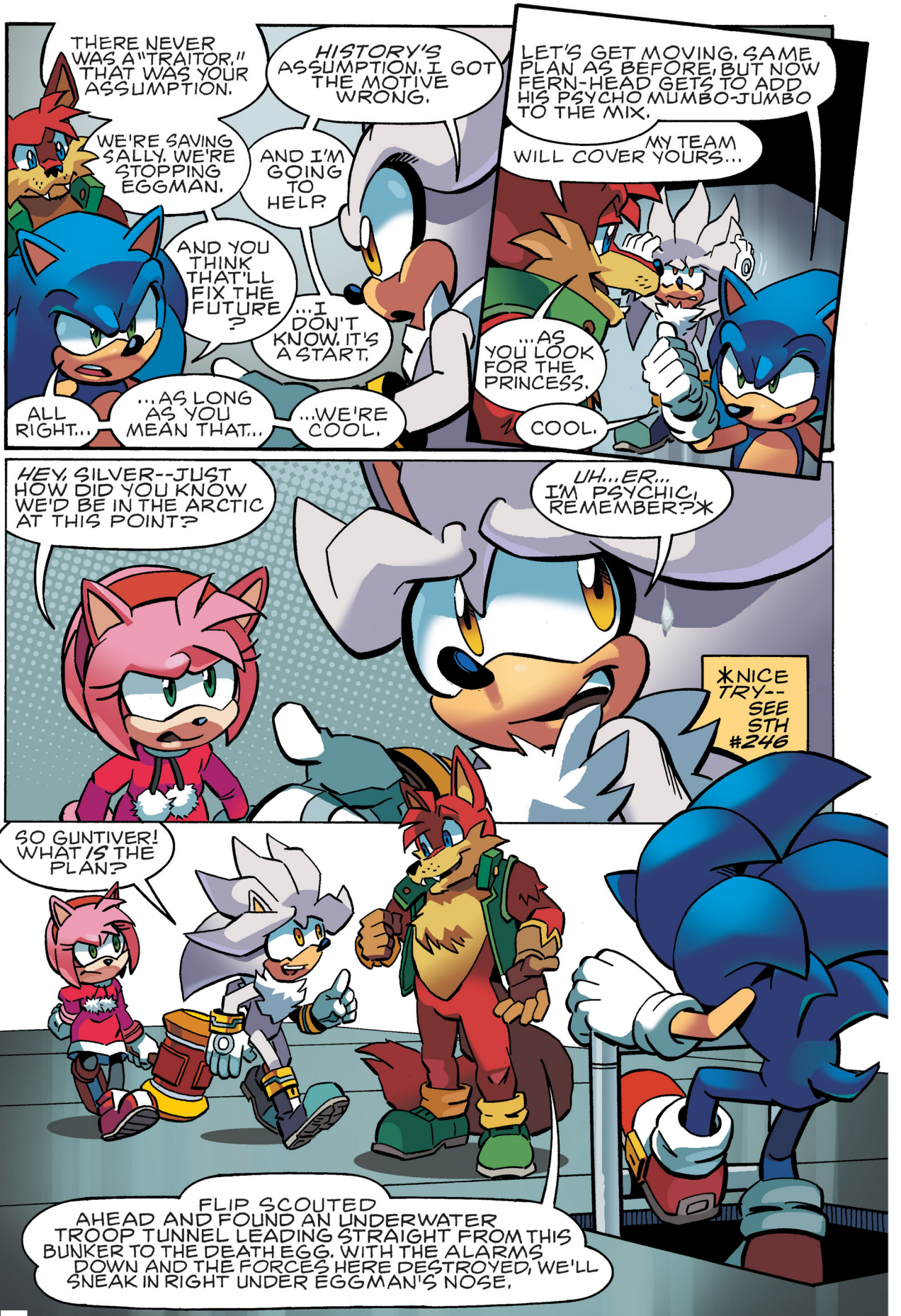
...PRINCESS SALLY ACORN. FOUNDER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. SHE'S THE ONE, THE TRAITOR RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FUTURE.
HOW DARE YOU?!
THAT'S IT!
HOLD IT! HOLD IT!
YOU BETTER BE ABLE TO BACK THAT UP.
I CAN! I PROMISE!
AND I'VE CHANGED MY MISSION! I'M NOT HERE TO DESTROY THE TRAITOR!


"I'M HERE TO SAVE HER!!!"
MEANWHILE --NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...
AS MY FIRST ACT SINCE MY RETURN TO THE CITY, I HEREBY PRESENT THE NEWLY-RESTORED CASTLE ACORN!
AND WITH THIS, I AM HOPEFUL THE PEOPLE WILL START TO TRUST ME AGAIN.
THEY NEVER SHOULD'VE DOUBTED, BUT THIS SHOULD HELP.
I KNOW IXIS NAUGUS IS DEATHLY ILL...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THE LESS WE SEE OF THOSE TWO...
...THE BETTER.
...BUT I WOULD'VE THOUGHT HIS AGENT WOULD BE HERE...
...TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.
NAUGUS IS *DYING*, ROTOR. FOR ALL HE'S DONE, WE CAN'T BE HEARTLESS ABOUT IT.
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A DEVICE HE COMMISSIONED, BUT I MAY NOT HAVE IT COMPLETED IN TIME.
RRUMBLE
YOU'RE TOO KIND FOR YOUR OWN GOOD --WHAT'S GOING ON?!
I--I DON'T KNOW! EVERYBODY GET BACK!


FIRST THE POWER STATION,* NOW THIS! DID THE FOUNDATION FALL OUT? IS THE PIT EXPANDING?
NNGH ...NO.
SOMETHING IS INTERFERING WITH THE NANITES!**
THERE! I MANAGED TO STABILIZE THE MATRIX, I'LL... I'LL FIX IT... ONCE I FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.
CODING IS BEING ERASED, SIGNALS ARE BEING JAMMED, AND SOME ARE SELF-DESTRUCTING!
*STH # 241. ** MICROSCOPIC MACHINES THAT MAKE UP THE CITY. --EDITOR.
CHAO-CHAO!
CHEESE! YOU FOUND THE DOLL I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF!
BAD DOLLY! I'M TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU AND FIND YOUR OWNER, AND YOU KEEP DISAPPEARING!...
...LIKE AT THE FORGET-ME-KNOTS' CONCERT.* AND THIS IS JUST LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CIVIC CENTER...**
*STH #241. **STH # 236.

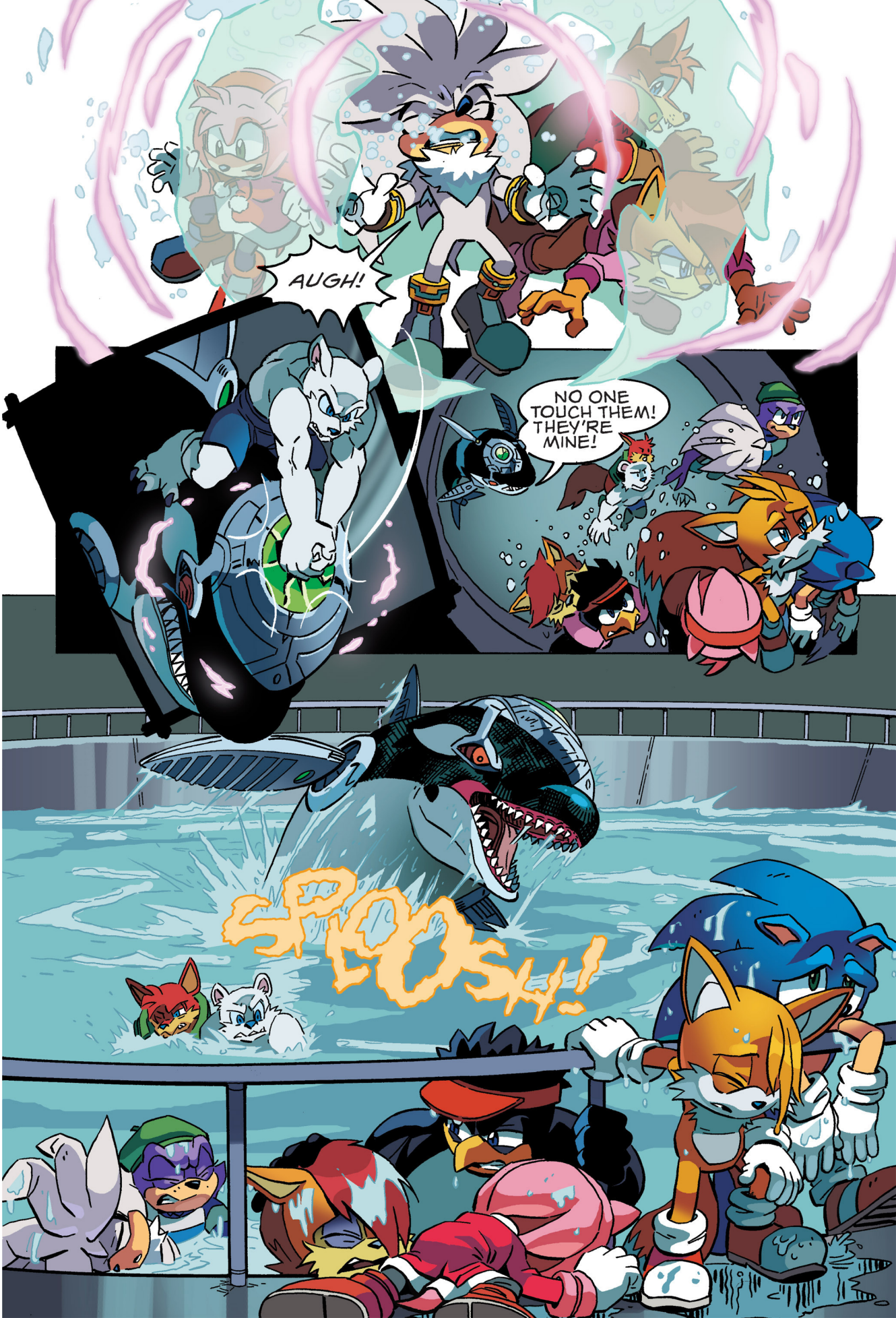

UM...CH-CHEESE? WOULD YOU MIND TAKING THE DOLL HOME FOR ME? THANK YOU.
CHAO.
MR. ROTOR! MR. ROTOR! I...I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S CAUSING PROBLEMS WITH THE NANITES!
OH?
BACK WHEN DR. EGGMAN ATTACKED THE CITY AND MRS. D'COOLETTE GOT HURT, I FOUND A DOLL SHAPED LIKE MR. TAILS, AND I KEPT IT SAFE BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT BELONGED TO SOMEONE...BUT IT KEEPS VANISHING, AND NOW I THINK IT MIGHT BE AN EVIL DOLL MADE BY DR. EGGMAN ...AND IT'S... WHAT'S MAKING THE NANITES FALL APART!
THAT...SOUNDED MORE CONVINCING IN MY HEAD. I'M SORRY, I...
NO APOLOGIES, CREAM.
THAT'S VERY OBSERVANT OF YOU, AND IT SOUNDS CRAZY ENOUGH FOR AN EGGMAN SCHEME. WHERE'S THE DOLL NOW?
CHEESE IS TAKING IT BACK TO MY HOUSE.
THEN HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO...


NORTHERN TUNDRA-- EGG BUNKER...
...YOU SEE...
...THE PROBLEM I WAS HAVING WAS THAT I ASSUMED THE TRAITOR'S ACTIONS WERE MALICIOUS. I THOUGHT THE TRAITOR MEANT TO DESTROY THE TEAM.
BUT SALLY'S ACTION WAS SELFLESS. SHE DESTROYED THE WORLD ROBOTICIZER, AND IN TURN WAS ROBOTICIZED HERSELF.*
*CHECK THE FULL STORY IN THE SONIC GENESIS GRAPHIC NOVEL ON SALE NOW!
HISTORY JUST...
...LOST THE DETAILS. SALLY WAS TURNED AGAINST THE REST OF YOU, AND THAT'S WHAT CAUSED EVERYTHING TO START FALLING APART. EVENTUALLY, THERE WERE NO FREEDOM FIGHTERS LEFT TO STOP THE VILLAINS. NOW YOU THREE ARE ABOUT TO GO INTO THE HEART OF THE DEATH EGG. I THINK... I THINK THIS MAY BE MY LAST CHANCE TO TURN THINGS AROUND!
WHAT SILVER SILVER SAYS ADDS UP, THOUGH. AFTER TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF DEVASTATION AND THE F.F. GONE...
...NO ONE REMEMBERED THAT THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE...
BUT SALLY DIDN'T BETRAY US! SHE'S NOT A TRAITOR!
...WASN'T ACTING OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL.
THEY MIGHT NOT EVEN KNOW THAT "ROBOTICIZATION" EXISTED.


THERE NEVER WAS A "TRAITOR," THAT WAS YOUR ASSUMPTION.
HISTORY'S ASSUMPTION. I GOT THE MOTIVE WRONG.
WE'RE SAVING SALLY. WE'RE STOPPING EGGMAN.
AND I'M GOING TO HELP.
AND YOU THINK THAT'LL FIX THE FUTURE?
...I DON'T KNOW. IT'S A START.
ALL RIGHT...
...AS LONG AS YOU MEAN THAT...
...WE'RE COOL.
LET'S GET MOVING. SAME PLAN AS BEFORE, BUT NOW FERN-HEAD GETS TO ADD HIS PSYCHO MUMBO-JUMBO TO THE MIX.
MY TEAM WILL COVER YOURS...
...AS YOU LOOK FOR THE PRINCESS.
COOL.
HEY, SILVER--JUST HOW DID YOU KNOW WE'D BE IN THE ARCTIC AT THIS POINT?
UH...ER... I'M PSYCHIC, REMEMBER?*
*NICE TRY-- SEE STH #246
SO GUNTIVER! WHAT IS THE PLAN?
FLIP SCOUTED AHEAD AND FOUND AN UNDERWATER TROOP TUNNEL LEADING STRAIGHT FROM THIS BUNKER TO THE DEATH EGG. WITH THE ALARMS DOWN AND THE FORCES HERE DESTROYED, WE'LL SNEAK IN RIGHT UNDER EGGMAN'S NOSE.

FEELING COLD NOW?
NO.
I'M JUST NOT WILD WALKING DOWN SOME RICKETY PIPE UNDER SO MUCH WATER.
SPEAK SOFTLY AND TREAD LIGHTLY. AKHLUT'S POD* IS EVERYWHERE, AND THEY MIGHT HEAR US.
* A "POD" REFERS TO A GROUP OF WHALES.--EDITOR.
IT'S TOO DARK. LET ME LIGHT THE WAY SO WE CAN--
WE'RE SURROUNDED! SWIMMERS --COVER US!
SILVER-- GET THE REST OF US TO THE DEATH EGG!
R-RIGHT!
I'M NOT GETTING SIDELINED. DEEP BREATH, TAILS!
RIGHT!

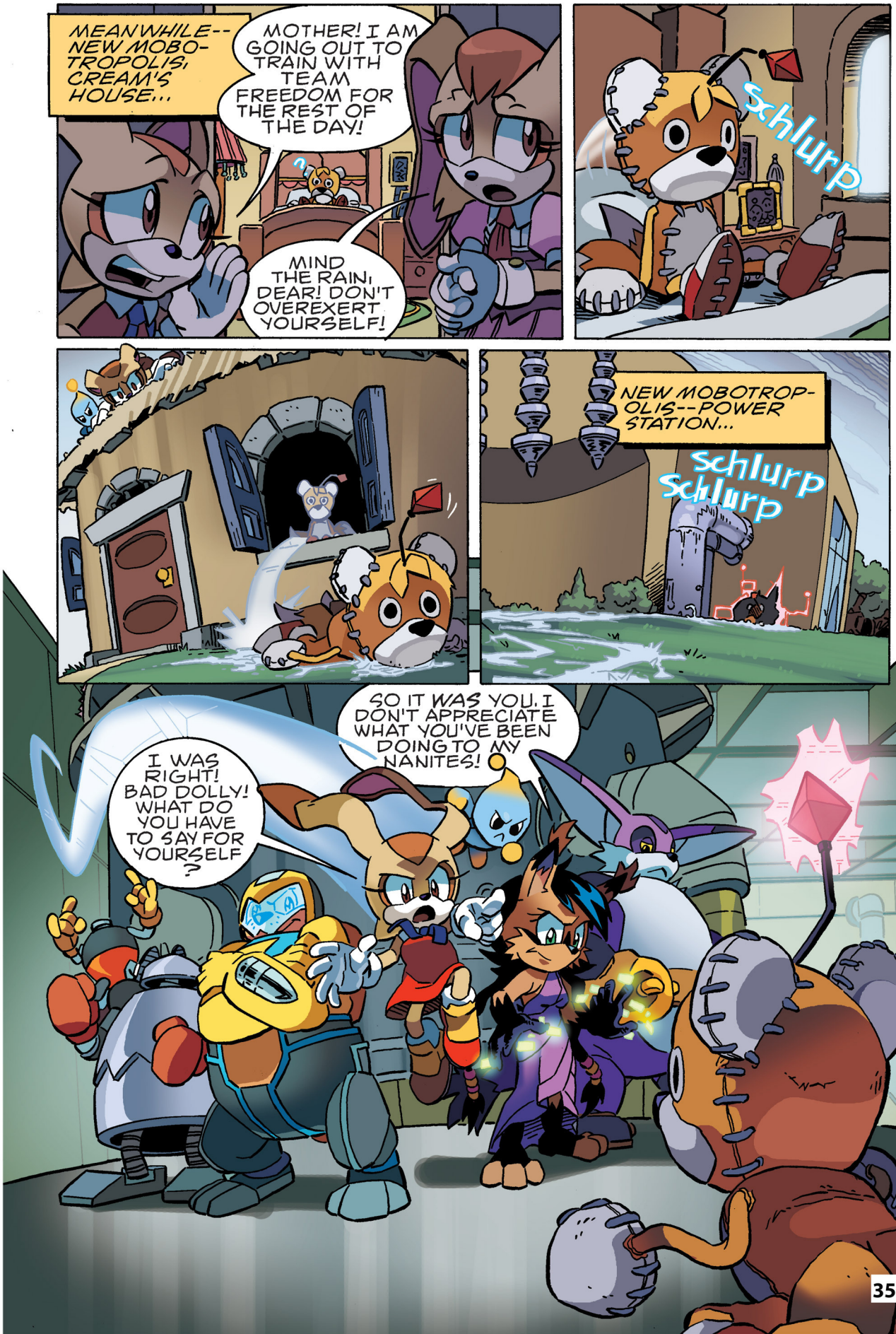
RARGH!
THAT POWER ...IT'S THE SAME THAT TOUCHED THE MINDS OF MY POD...*
*STH # 216.
YOU RUINED OUR HOLD ON THE WALRUSES! VENGEANCE FOR MY WARRIORS!
VENGEANCE!
MY WARRIORS--
--FIRE UPON THE SILVER HEDGEHOG!


AUGH!
NO ONE TOUCH THEM! THEY'RE MINE!
SPOOSH!

THERE IS NO ESCAPE!
NNGH! BLOW IT OUT YOUR BLOW-HOLE!
ATTENTION! ALL FORCES! INTRUDER ALERT! TOSS THEIR BATTERED BODIES BACK TO ME!
BREEP!
BREEP!
SO MUCH FOR THE STEALTHY APPROACH!
LET'S SMASH SOME BADNIKS, GANGS!
AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SAL!

IT APPEARS WE'VE BEEN INVADED, SIR.
WHAT?! HOW?! I HAD THAT BUNKER BUILT SPECIFICALLY AS AN EARLY WARNING BASE!
DEY BE TEARIN' UP DE INSIDES OF DE DEATH EGG, EGGMON. (MOSTLY AKHLUT'S FAULT, THO'...)
I JUST HAD THIS PLACE FULLY REPAIRED!
EGGMAN TO MECHA SALLY! GET TO THE LOWER DECKS--
...AND SLAUGHTER TEAM FIGHTERS AND ANYTHING ELSE WITH A PULSE! NO PRISONERS!
WE'RE CUTTING THINGS TOO CLOSE--AGAIN! *WE'VE GOT TO SET OFF THE GENESIS WAVE NOW BEFORE SONIC RUINS EVERYTHING. ORBOT, READY THE INTERDIMENSIONAL PORTAL. ALBERT BETTER BE READY TO GO...
*STH #225.

TIGHT FORMATION. COVERING FIRE.
COLLATERAL DAMAGE IS ACCEPTABLE.
HEADS UP! SHE'S HE-ERK!
MECHA SALLY
FORMER HERO, CURRENT ROBOTIC SLAVE OF DR. EGGMAN
ARGH!
AUGUSTUS!
YOU'RE COMING HOME, SAL!
THANK YOU FOR THE POINT-BLANK SHOT, SWEETIE.


MEANWHILE-- NEW MOBO-TROPOLIS, CREAM'S HOUSE...
MOTHER! I AM GOING OUT TO TRAIN WITH TEAM FREEDOM FOR THE REST OF THE DAY!
MIND THE RAIN, DEAR! DON'T OVEREXERT YOURSELF!
schlurp
NEW MOBOTROP-OLIS--POWER STATION...
schlurp schlurp
SO IT WAS YOU. I DON'T APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING TO MY NANITES!
I WAS RIGHT! BAD DOLLY! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

SELF-REPAIR COMPLETE.
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY POWER PLANT TO WEAKEN CITY.
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY POWER SCRUBBERS, RELEASING ROBOTROPOLIS RADIOACTIVE WASTE INTO WEAKENED CITY.
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY TEAM FREEDOM!

ZZART!
BOOM
MEANWHILE...
TARGETS LOCKED! DEATH TO THE EMPIRE'S ENEMIES!
I...I DID IT! SHE WAS ABOUT TO...
NICE WORK. DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD, SILVERFISH.
WHAT THE--A TIME-SHIFT?
OH, NO... THIS IS--!

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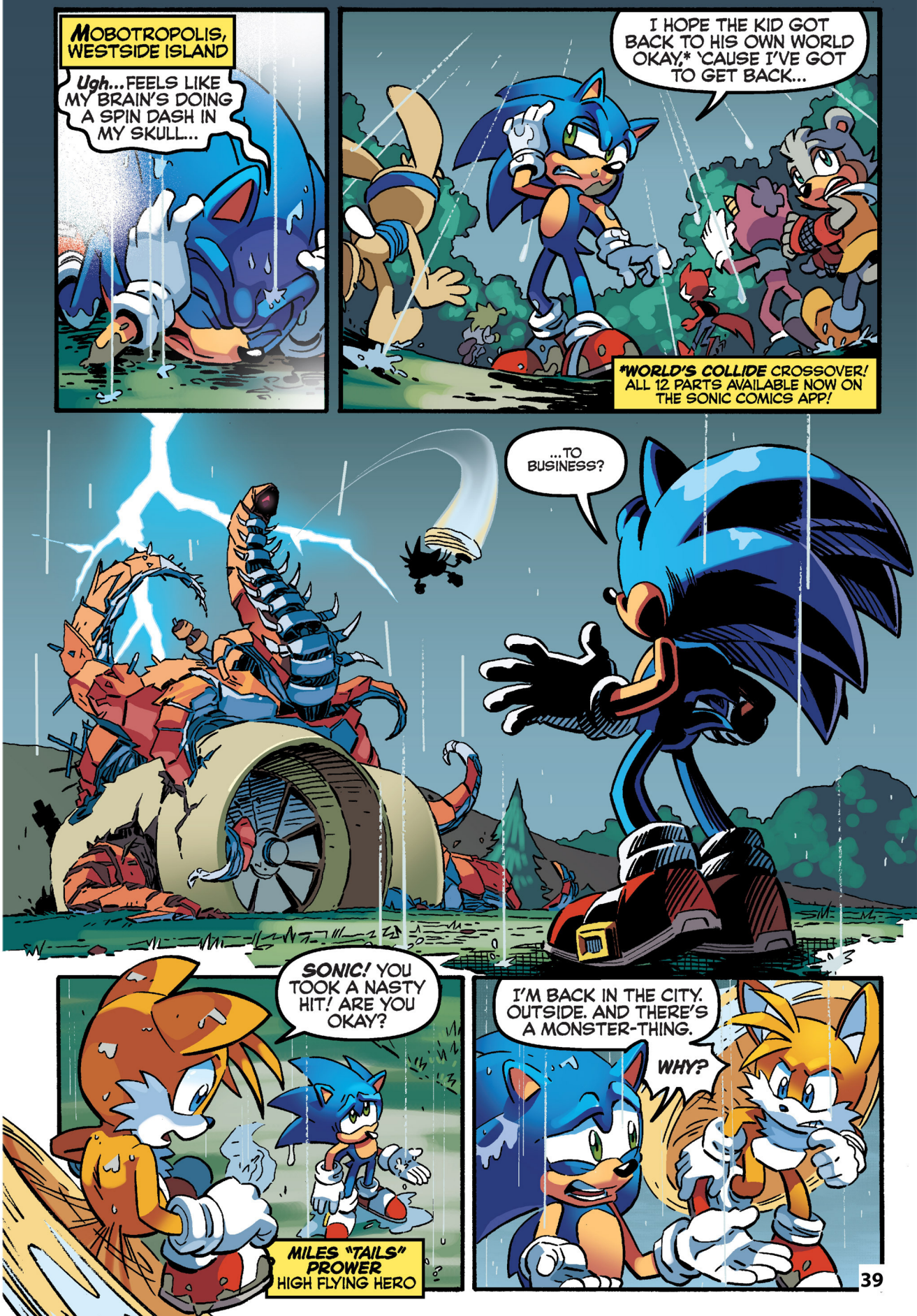
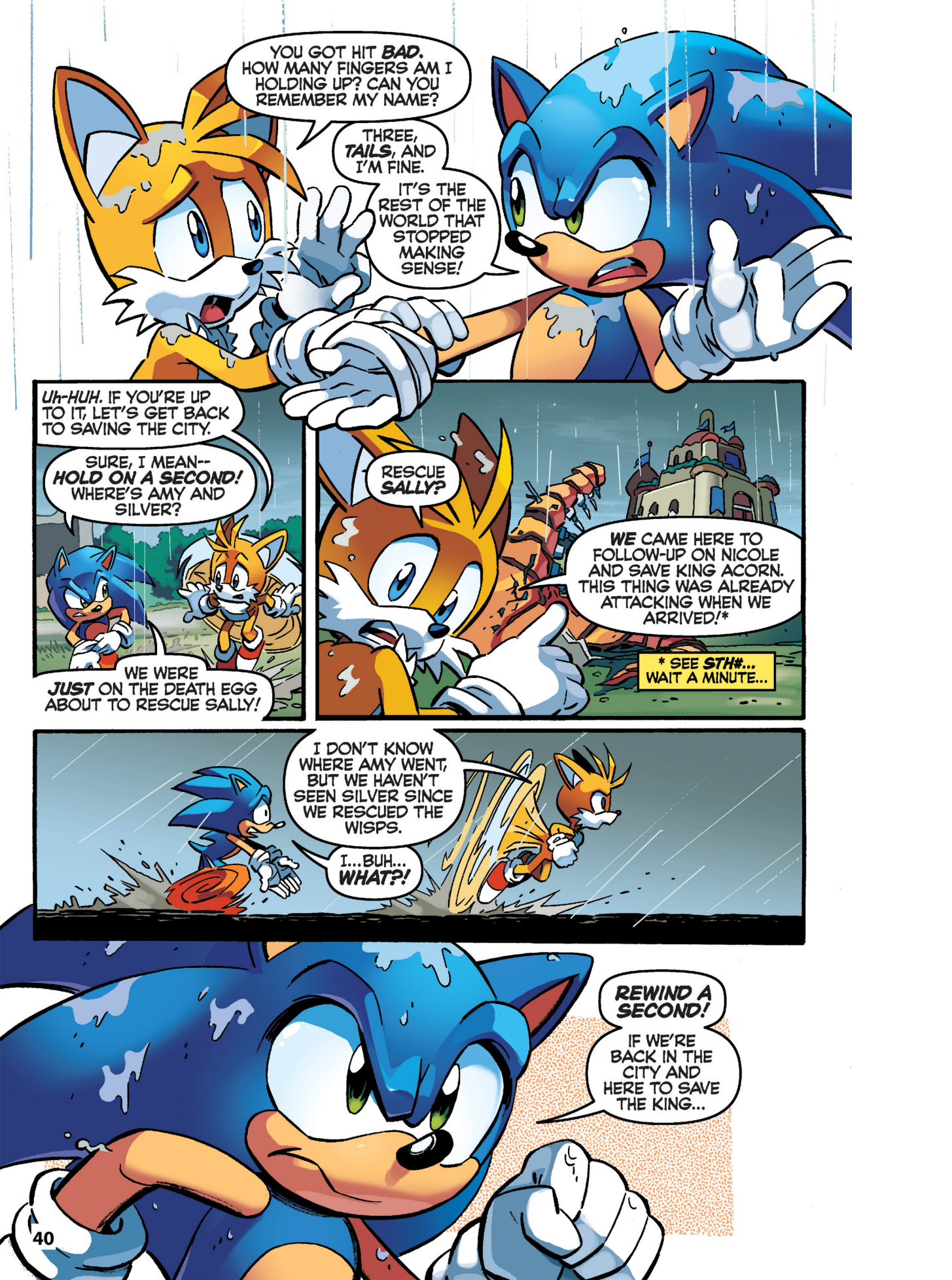
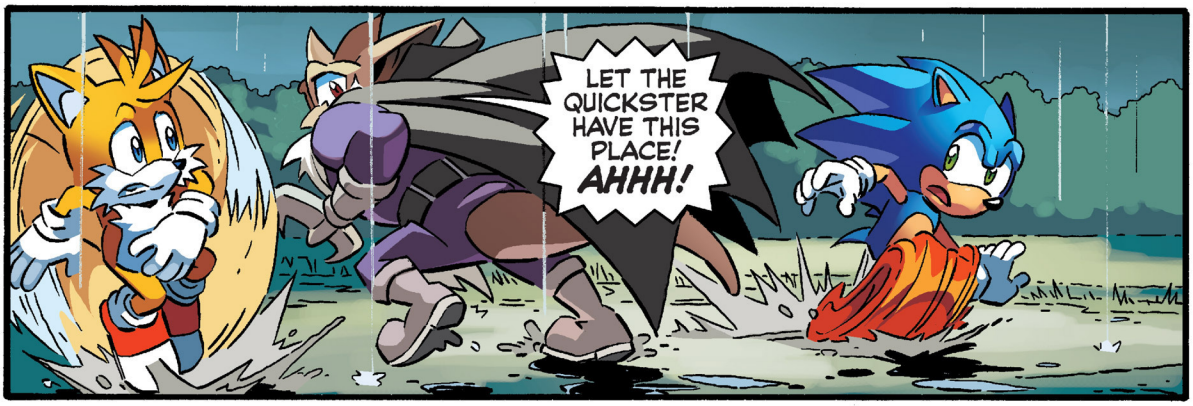

MOBOTROPOLIS, WESTSIDE ISLAND
Ugh... FEELS LIKE MY BRAIN'S DOING A SPIN DASH IN MY SKULL...
I HOPE THE KID GOT BACK TO HIS OWN WORLD OKAY,* 'CAUSE I'VE GOT TO GET BACK...
*WORLD'S COLLIDE CROSSOVER! ALL 12 PARTS AVAILABLE NOW ON THE SONIC COMICS APP!
...TO BUSINESS?
SONIC! YOU TOOK A NASTY HIT! ARE YOU OKAY?
MILES "TAILS" PROWER HIGH FLYING HERO
I'M BACK IN THE CITY. OUTSIDE. AND THERE'S A MONSTER-THING.
WHY?

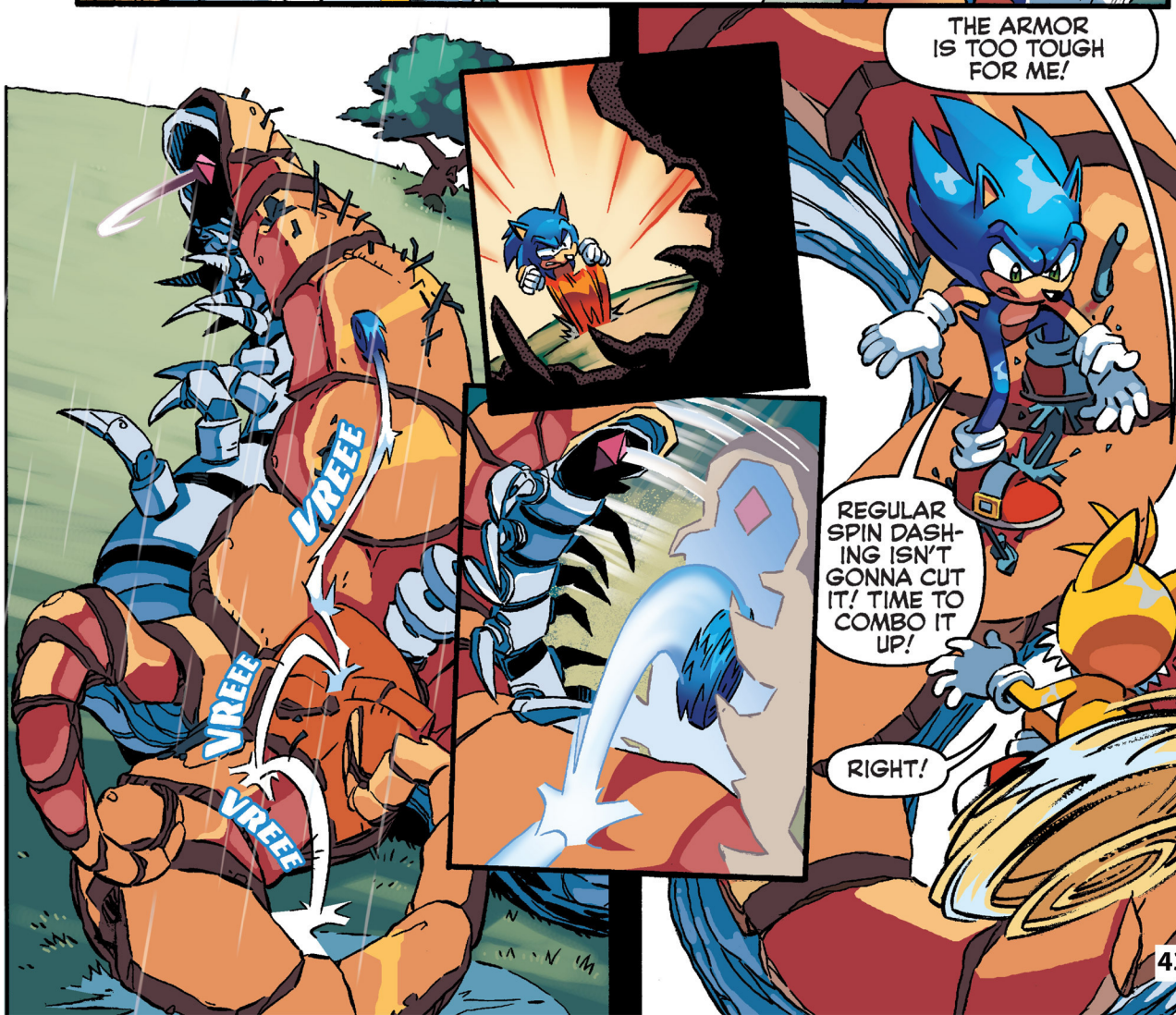

YOU GOT HIT BAD. HOW MANY FINGERS AM I HOLDING UP? CAN YOU REMEMBER MY NAME?
THREE, TAILS, AND I'M FINE.
IT'S THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT STOPPED MAKING SENSE!
Uh-HUH. IF YOU'RE UP TO IT, LET'S GET BACK TO SAVING THE CITY.
SURE, I MEAN-- HOLD ON A SECOND! WHERE'S AMY AND SILVER?
WE WERE JUST ON THE DEATH EGG ABOUT TO RESCUE SALLY!
RESCUE SALLY?
WE CAME HERE TO FOLLOW-UP ON NICOLE AND SAVE KING ACORN. THIS THING WAS ALREADY ATTACKING WHEN WE ARRIVED!*
* SEE STH#... WAIT A MINUTE...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE AMY WENT, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN SILVER SINCE WE RESCUED THE WISPS.
I...BUH... WHAT?!
REWIND A SECOND!
IF WE'RE BACK IN THE CITY AND HERE TO SAVE THE KING...

"...DOES THAT MEAN NAUGUS IS INVOLVED?"
CURSE IT ALL! FIRST EGGMAN SENDS HIS CREATIONS AFTER ME, THEN THE QUICKSTER ARRIVES!
SERVES YOU RIGHT, WALLY. TERRORIZING THE CITIZENS, LYING AND MANIPULATING YOUR WAY TO THE CROWN!
DON'T LECTURE ME, AND NEVER CALL ME THAT!
THIS WOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE IF YOU MADE GOOD ON YOUR PROMISE!
NAUGUS USURPER & EX-WIZARD
NICOLE ADVANCED A.I., FREEDOM FIGHTER
HURRY UP AND FINISH MAKING THAT SUPER RING SO I CAN RESTORE MY MAGIC!
I TOLD YOU-- I'M NOT SURE I CAN MAKE ONE.
THEN I WILL FIND SOME OTHER WAY!
IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES?
GRRRRR!!
YOU'LL FINISH THAT RING OR I'LL MAKE YOU--!

NYAAAGH!!
KSH!
WH-WHAT SORCERY IS THIS? TH-THESE VISIONS OF... ANOTHER LIFE...?
NO! I MUST DRIVE THE VISIONS OUT! MUST ESCAPE!
MUST ESCAPE!!
KRASH


LET THE QUICKSTER HAVE THIS PLACE! AHHH!

WELL...THAT GETS NAUGUS OUT OF THE CASTLE. OR SHOULD WE...
ONE THING AT A TIME! MONSTER--NOW. CRAZY FLEEING WIZARD--LATER.


VREEE
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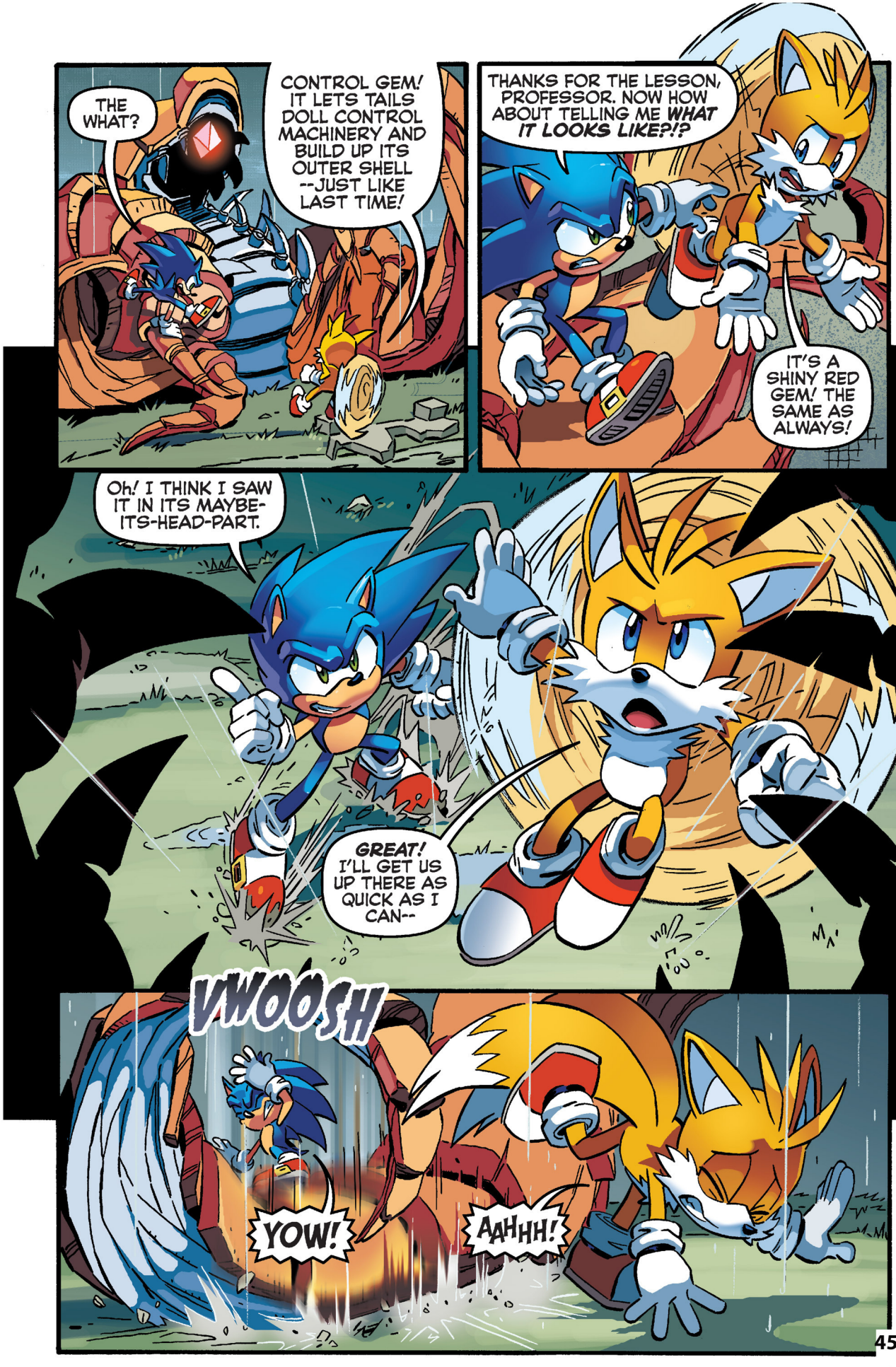
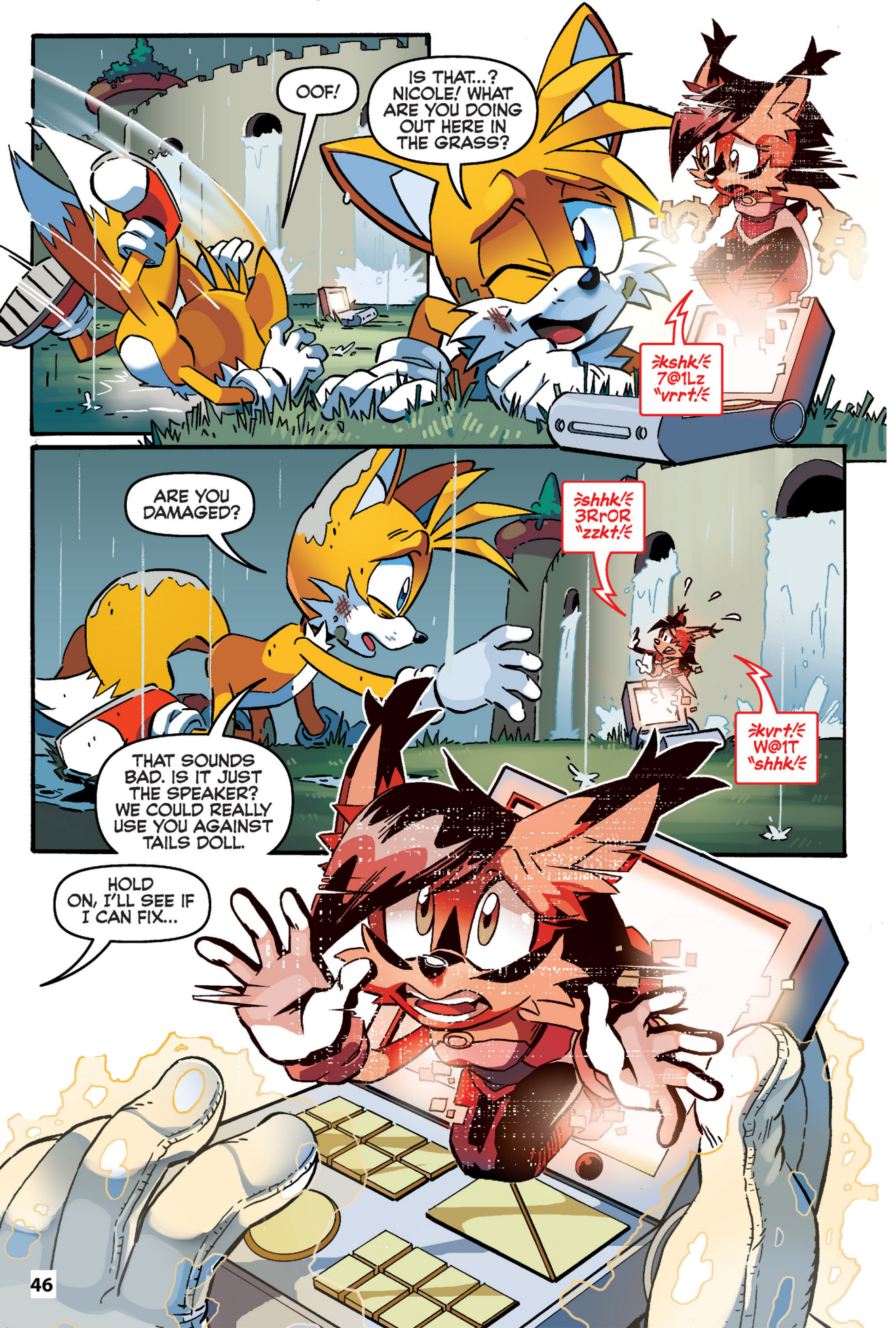
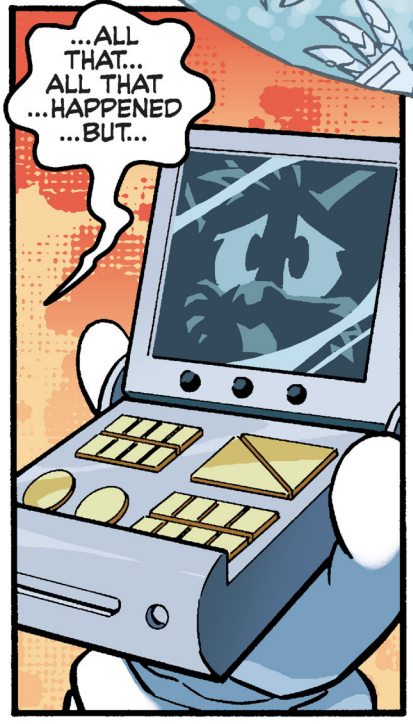
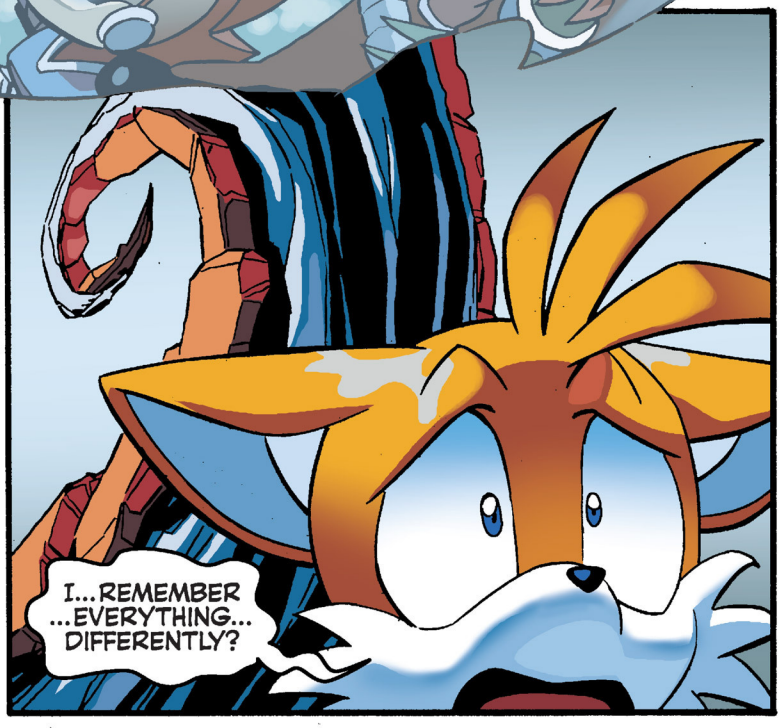
THE ARMOR IS TOO TOUGH FOR ME!
REGULAR SPIN DASHING ISN'T GONNA CUT IT! TIME TO COMBO IT UP!
RIGHT!

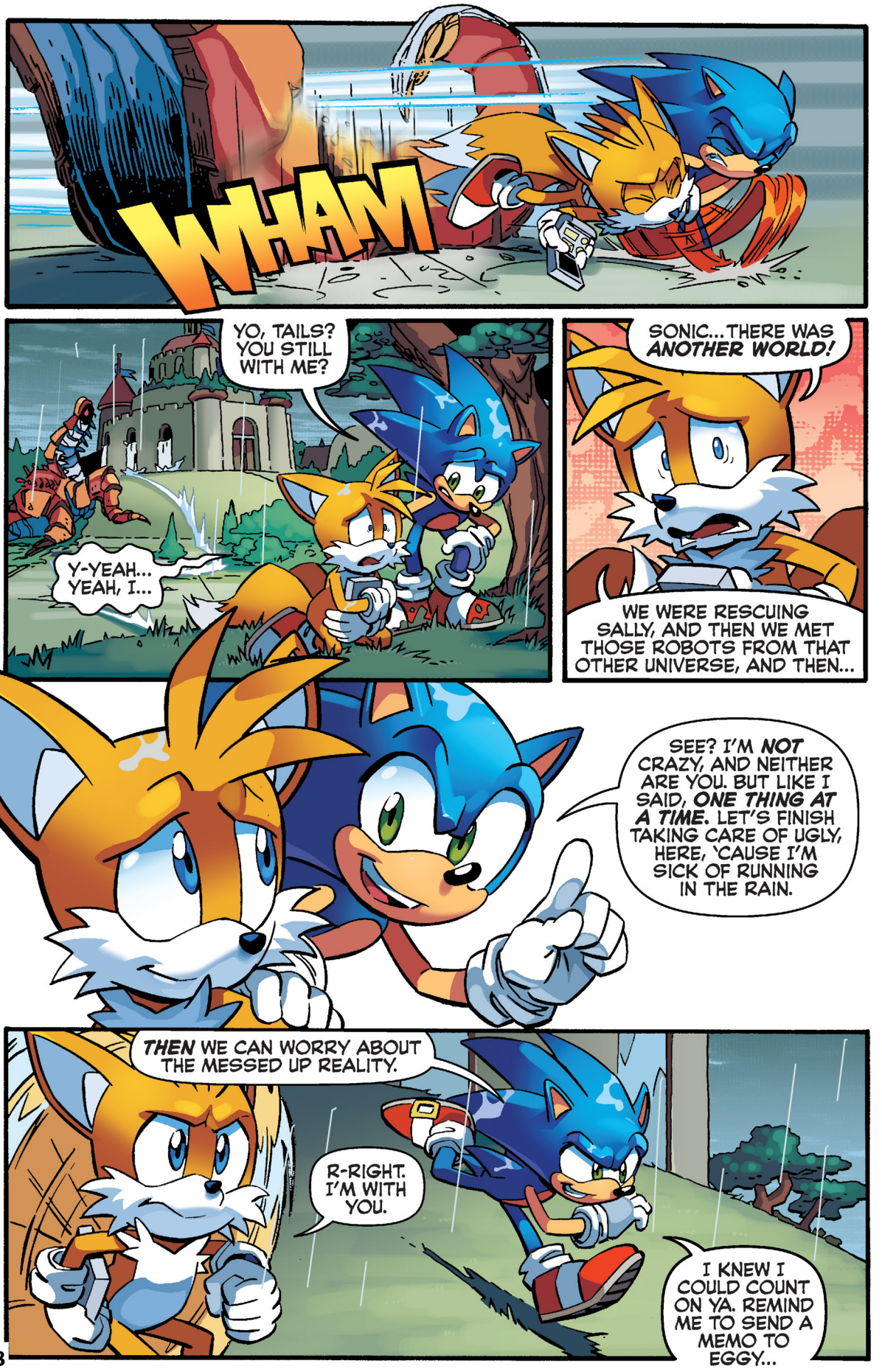
KRASH
WHAT THE...?
IT'S ABSORBING ALL THE...STUFF? WHERE ARE ALL THE NANITES THAT MAKE UP THE CITY?
WHAT NANITES?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. MY POINT BEING, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH DAMAGE WE DO, BECAUSE TALL, DARK AND GRUESOME CAN REBUILD HIMSELF OUT OF ANYTHING.
RIGHT! WE NEED TO FIND THE CONTROL GEM!


THE WHAT?
CONTROL GEM! IT LETS TAILS DOLL CONTROL MACHINERY AND BUILD UP ITS OUTER SHELL --JUST LIKE LAST TIME!
THANKS FOR THE LESSON, PROFESSOR. NOW HOW ABOUT TELLING ME WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE?!?
IT'S A SHINY RED GEM! THE SAME AS ALWAYS!
Oh! I THINK I SAW IT IN ITS MAYBE-ITS-HEAD-PART.
GREAT! I'LL GET US UP THERE AS QUICK AS I CAN--
VWOOSH
YOW!
AAHHH!

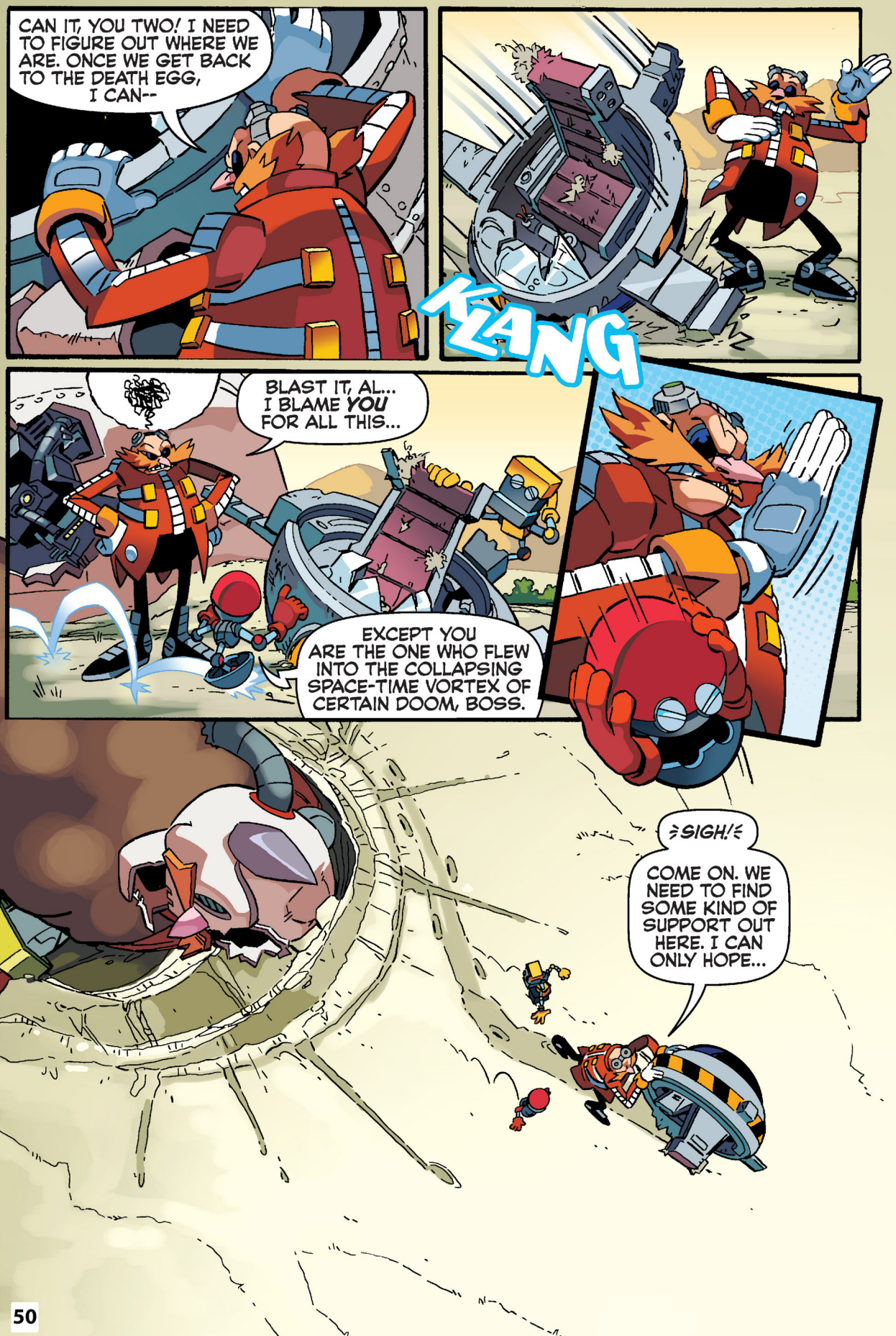

OOF!
IS THAT...? NICOLE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE IN THE GRASS?
≠kshk!≤ 7@1Lz "vrrt!≤
ARE YOU DAMAGED?
≠shhk!≤ 3RrOR "zzkt!≤
≠kvrt!≤ W@1T "shhk!≤
THAT SOUNDS BAD. IS IT JUST THE SPEAKER? WE COULD REALLY USE YOU AGAINST TAILS DOLL.
HOLD ON, I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIX...


...ALL THAT... ALL THAT ...HAPPENED ...BUT...

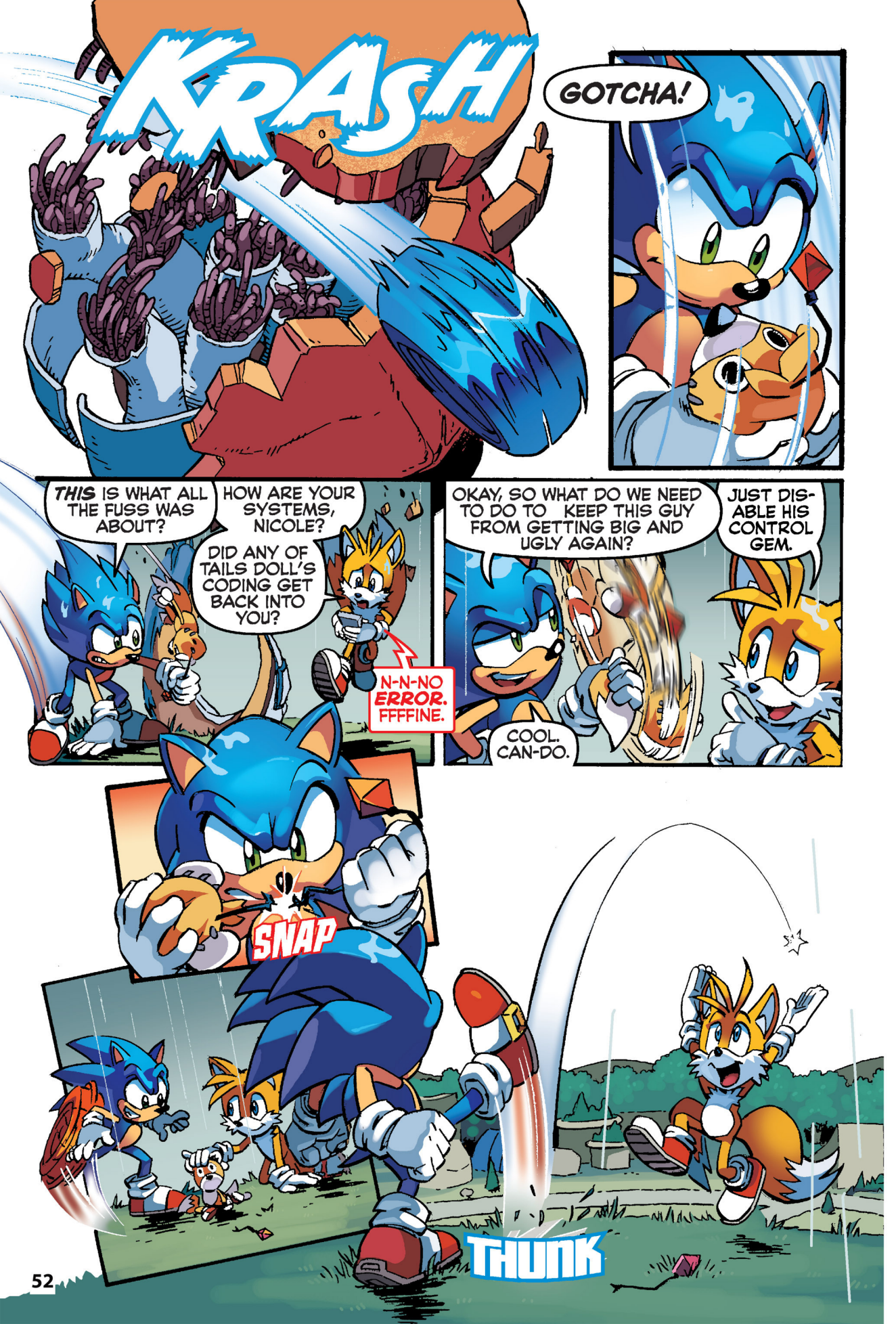

I...REMEMBER ...EVERYTHING... DIFFERENTLY?


WHAM!
YO, TAILS? YOU STILL WITH ME?
Y-YEAH... YEAH, I...
SONIC...THERE WAS ANOTHER WORLD!
WE WERE RESCUING SALLY, AND THEN WE MET THOSE ROBOTS FROM THAT OTHER UNIVERSE, AND THEN...
SEE? I'M NOT CRAZY, AND NEITHER ARE YOU. BUT LIKE I SAID, ONE THING AT A TIME. LET'S FINISH TAKING CARE OF UGLY, HERE, 'CAUSE I'M SICK OF RUNNING IN THE RAIN.
THEN WE CAN WORRY ABOUT THE MESSED UP REALITY.
R-RIGHT. I'M WITH YOU.
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YA. REMIND ME TO SEND A MEMO TO EGGY...

"...TELLING HIM NOT TO MAKE ANYTHING SO CREEPY AGAIN!"
EFRIKAN PLAINS
KOFF! KOFF!
DR. EGGMAN EVIL GENIUS
I HATE THAT HEDGE-HOG...
OOF!
RRGGH-- ORBOT! CUBOT! YOU BETTER HAVE MADE IT BACK TOO!
Oh, YES, BOSS. SURPRISINGLY IN ONE PIECE.
SPEAK FER YERSELF. I THINK I GOT A FEW SCREWS LOOSE.
I'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR A WHILE.
ORBOT & CUBOT ROBOT LACKEYS


CAN IT, YOU TWO! I NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE ARE. ONCE WE GET BACK TO THE DEATH EGG, I CAN--
KLANG
BLAST IT, AL... I BLAME *YOU* FOR ALL THIS...
EXCEPT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO FLEW INTO THE COLLAPSING SPACE-TIME VORTEX OF CERTAIN DOOM, BOSS.
SIGH!
COME ON. WE NEED TO FIND SOME KIND OF SUPPORT OUT HERE. I CAN ONLY HOPE...

"...SONIC IS HAVING A WORSE TIME THAN ME."
YOU'D BE A LOT MORE TERRIFYING IF YOU COULD ACTUALLY HIT ME!
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THIS, NICOLE? WHAT IF THIS THING MANAGES TO ABSORB YOU?
≠KSSH!≠ I-I-I-I'LL B-B-B-BE FFFFFFINE. D-D-DO IT! ≠SHRK!≠
ALRIGHT. HERE WE GO...
KZZT
INTRUDER IN THE SYSTEM! PURGE! PURGE!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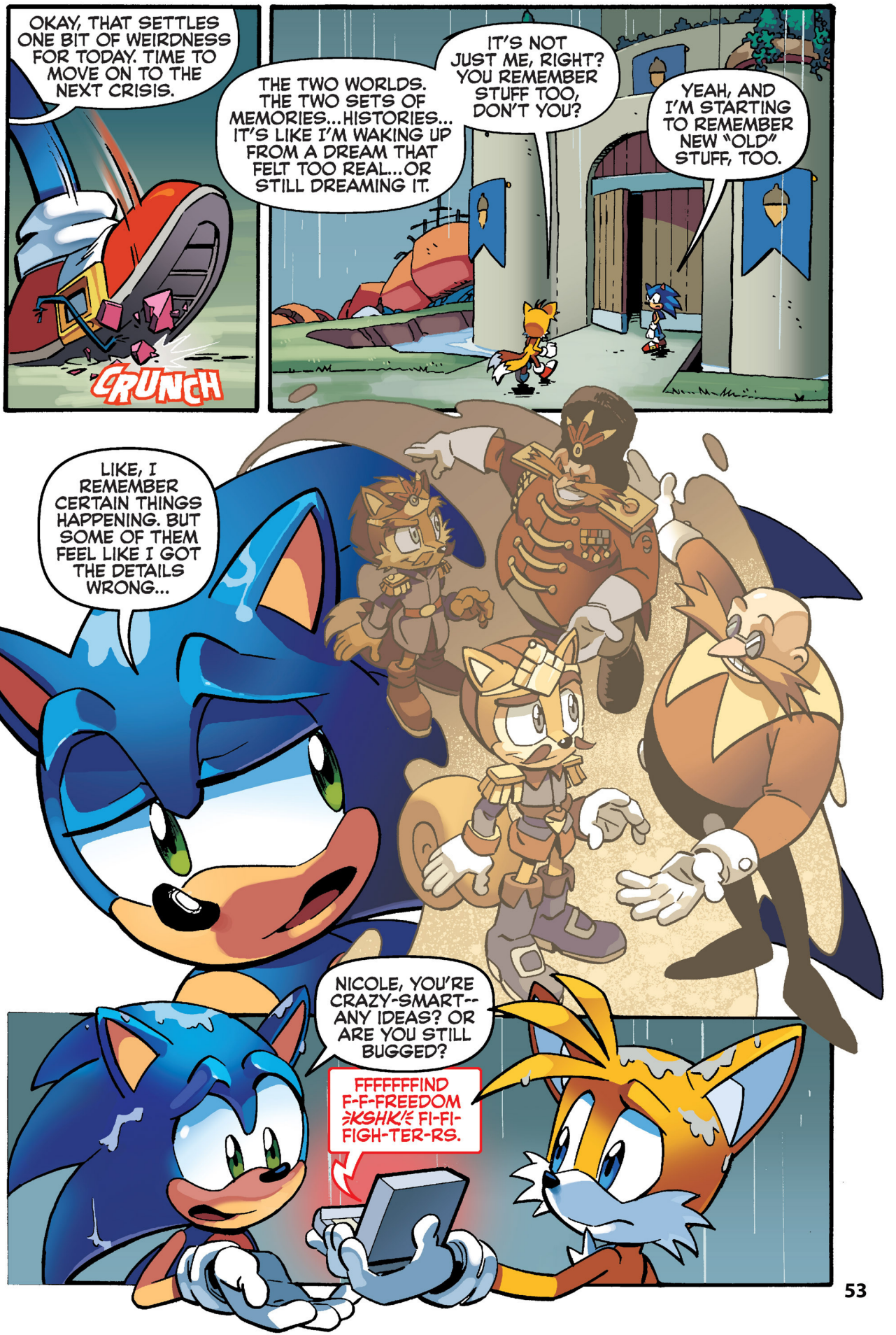
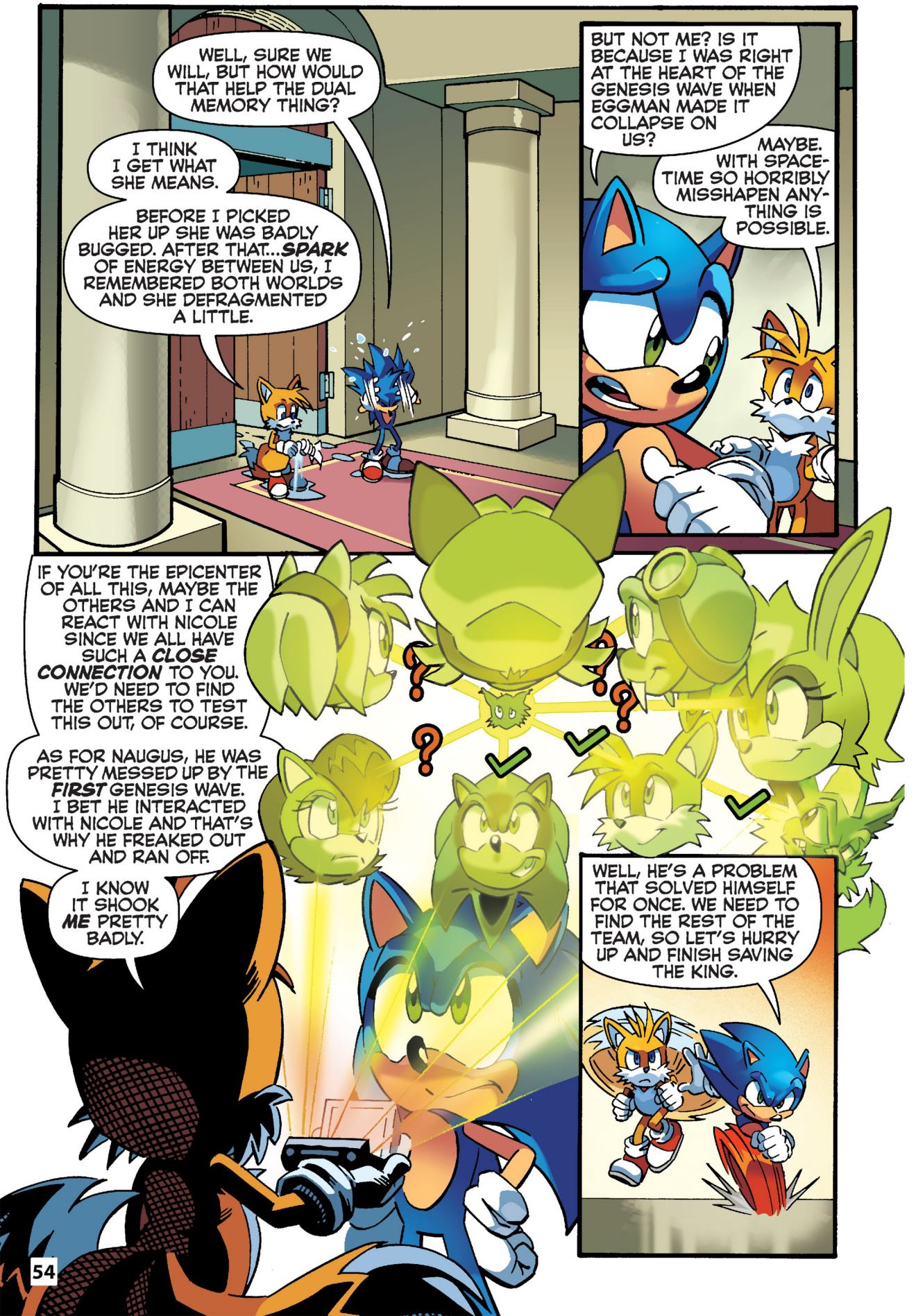
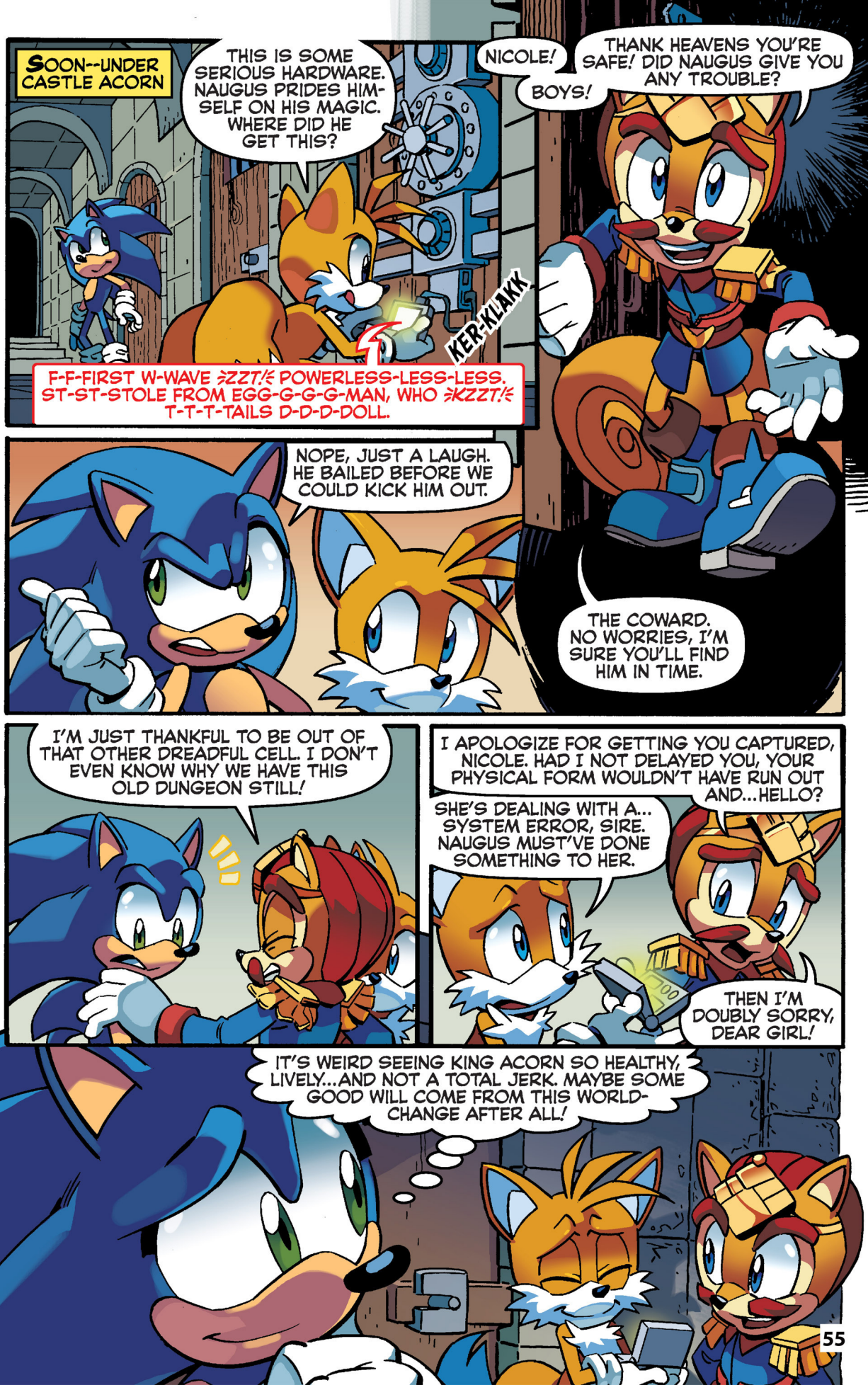
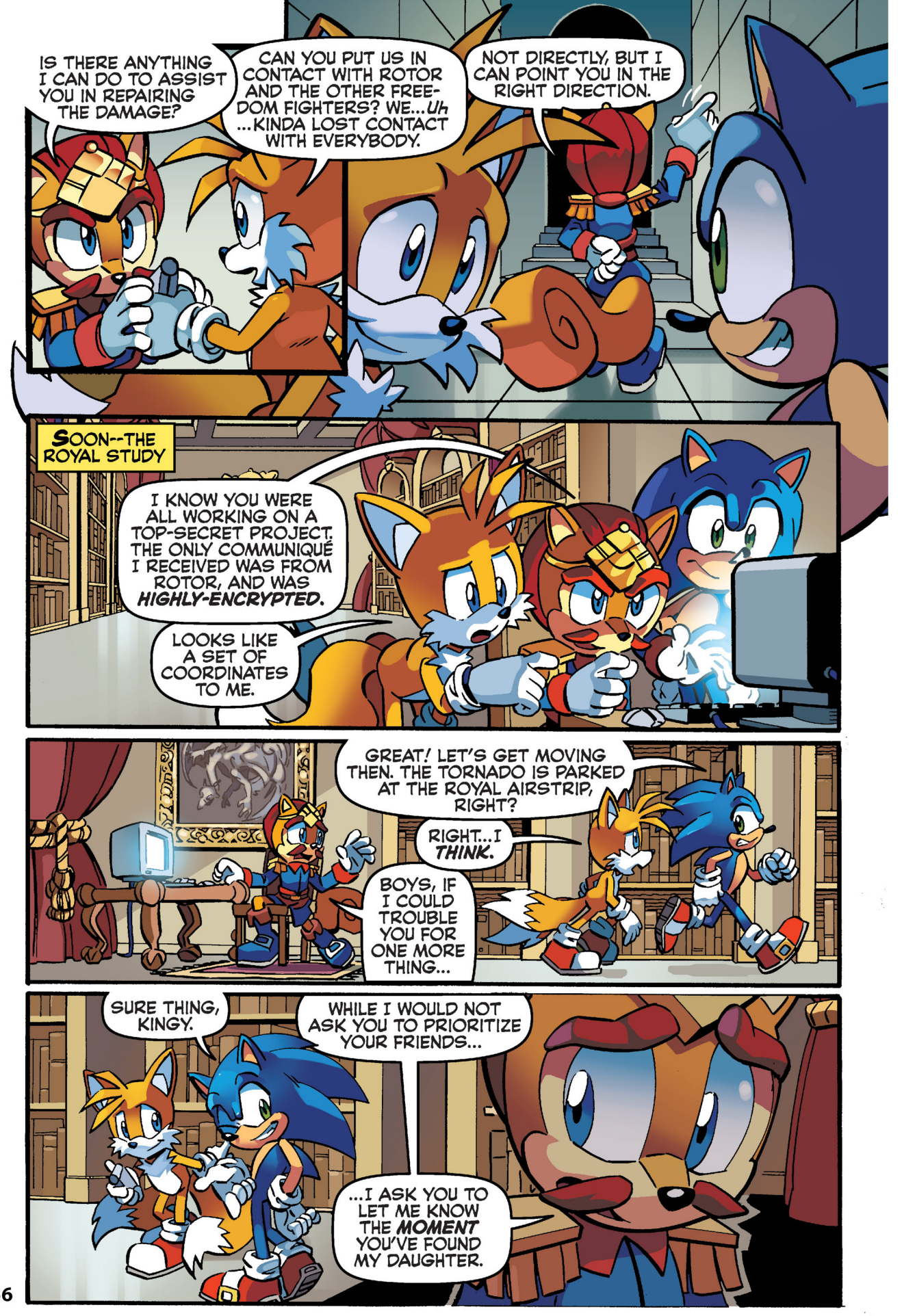
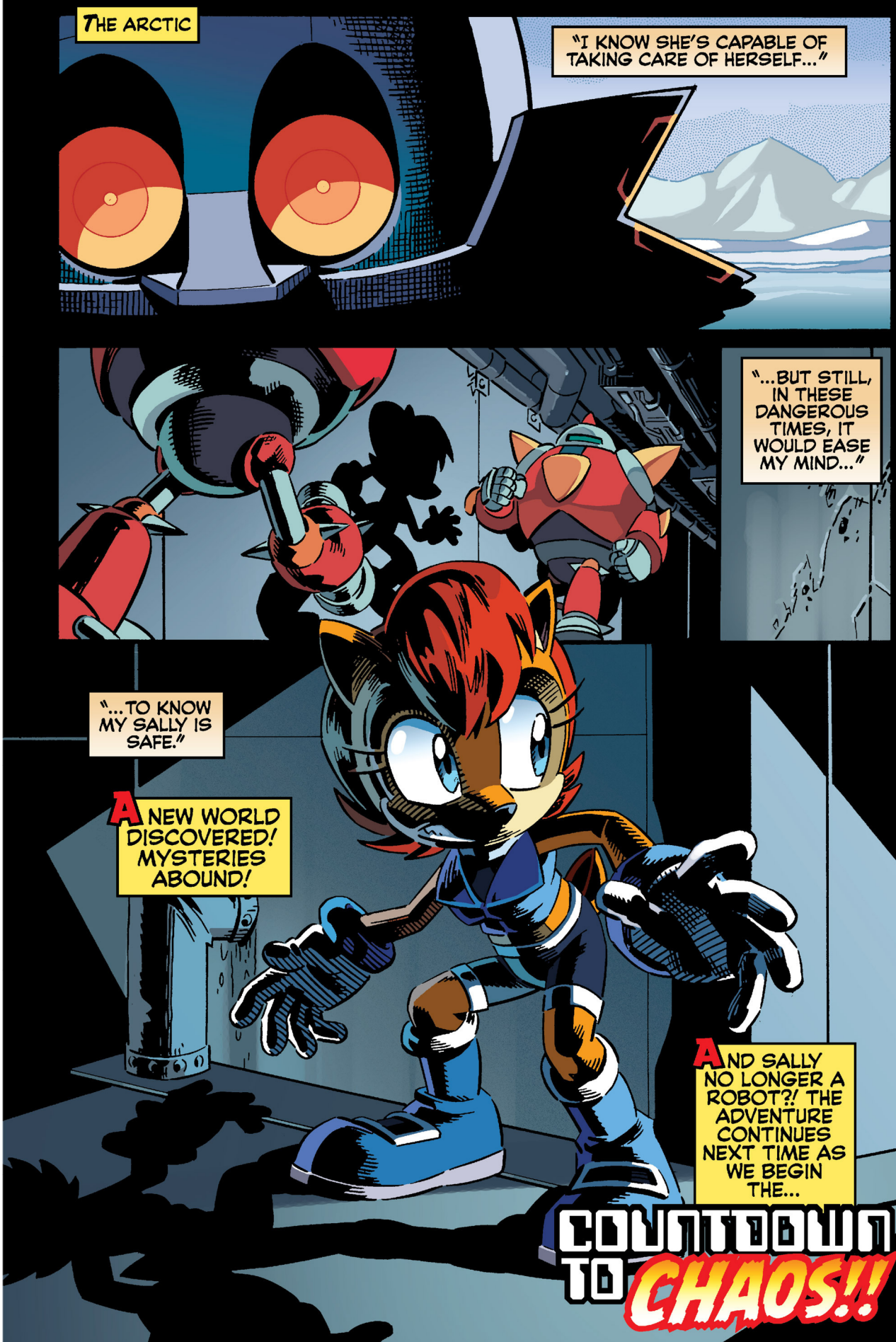
GOTCHA!
THIS IS WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT?
HOW ARE YOUR SYSTEMS, NICOLE?
DID ANY OF TAILS DOLL'S CODING GET BACK INTO YOU?
N-N-NO ERROR. FFFFINE.
OKAY, SO WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO KEEP THIS GUY FROM GETTING BIG AND UGLY AGAIN?
JUST DISABLE HIS CONTROL GEM.
COOL. CAN-DO.
SNAP
THUNK

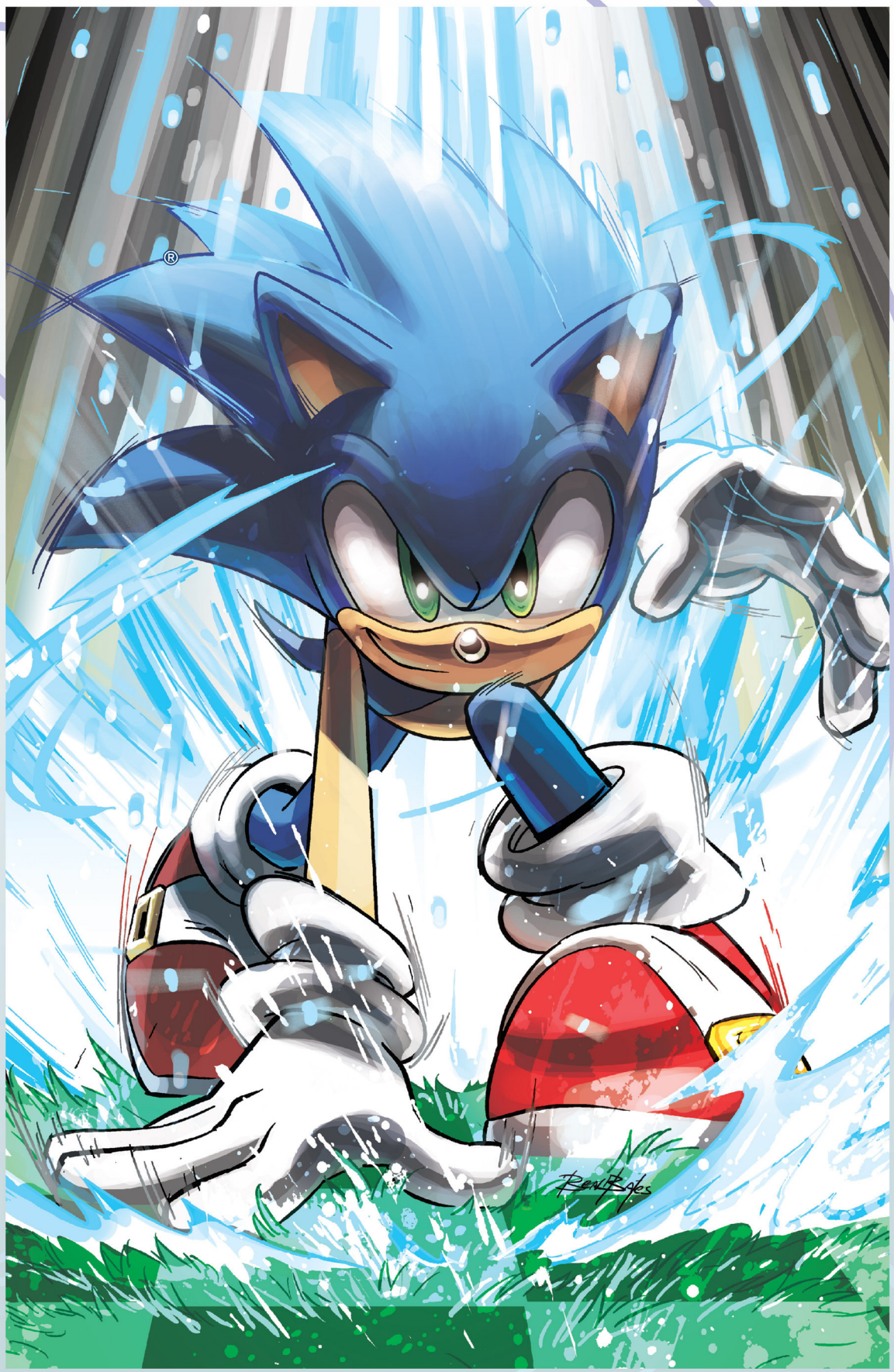

OKAY, THAT SETTLES ONE BIT OF WEIRDNESS FOR TODAY. TIME TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT CRISIS.
CRUNCH
THE TWO WORLDS. THE TWO SETS OF MEMORIES...HISTORIES... IT'S LIKE I'M WAKING UP FROM A DREAM THAT FELT TOO REAL...OR STILL DREAMING IT.
IT'S NOT JUST ME, RIGHT? YOU REMEMBER STUFF TOO, DON'T YOU?
YEAH, AND I'M STARTING TO REMEMBER NEW "OLD" STUFF, TOO.
LIKE, I REMEMBER CERTAIN THINGS HAPPENING. BUT SOME OF THEM FEEL LIKE I GOT THE DETAILS WRONG...
NICOLE, YOU'RE CRAZY-SMART-- ANY IDEAS? OR ARE YOU STILL BUGGED?
FFFFFFFIND F-F-FREEDOM ≠KSHK/≠ FI-FI-FIGH-TER-RS.


WELL, SURE WE WILL, BUT HOW WOULD THAT HELP THE DUAL MEMORY THING?
I THINK I GET WHAT SHE MEANS.
BEFORE I PICKED HER UP SHE WAS BADLY BUGGED. AFTER THAT...SPARK OF ENERGY BETWEEN US, I REMEMBERED BOTH WORLDS AND SHE DEFRAGMENTED A LITTLE.
BUT NOT ME? IS IT BECAUSE I WAS RIGHT AT THE HEART OF THE GENESIS WAVE WHEN EGGMAN MADE IT COLLAPSE ON US?
MAYBE. WITH SPACE-TIME SO HORRIBLY MISSHAPEN ANY-THING IS POSSIBLE.
IF YOU'RE THE EPICENTER OF ALL THIS, MAYBE THE OTHERS AND I CAN REACT WITH NICOLE SINCE WE ALL HAVE SUCH A CLOSE CONNECTION TO YOU. WE'D NEED TO FIND THE OTHERS TO TEST THIS OUT, OF COURSE.
AS FOR NAUGUS, HE WAS PRETTY MESSED UP BY THE FIRST GENESIS WAVE. I BET HE INTERACTED WITH NICOLE AND THAT'S WHY HE FREAKED OUT AND RAN OFF.
I KNOW IT SHOOK ME PRETTY BADLY.
WELL, HE'S A PROBLEM THAT SOLVED HIMSELF FOR ONCE. WE NEED TO FIND THE REST OF THE TEAM, SO LET'S HURRY UP AND FINISH SAVING THE KING.


SOON--UNDER CASTLE ACORN
THIS IS SOME SERIOUS HARDWARE. NAUGUS PRIDES HIMSELF ON HIS MAGIC. WHERE DID HE GET THIS?
KER-KLAKK
F-F-FIRST W-WAVE ⚡ZZT!⚡ POWERLESS-LESS-LESS. ST-ST-STOLE FROM EGG-G-G-G-MAN, WHO ⚡KZZT!⚡ T-T-T-TAILS D-D-D-DOLL.
NICOLE!
BOYS!
THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE SAFE! DID NAUGUS GIVE YOU ANY TROUBLE?
NOPE, JUST A LAUGH. HE BAILED BEFORE WE COULD KICK HIM OUT.
THE COWARD. NO WORRIES, I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND HIM IN TIME.
I'M JUST THANKFUL TO BE OUT OF THAT OTHER DREADFUL CELL. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY WE HAVE THIS OLD DUNGEON STILL!
I APOLOGIZE FOR GETTING YOU CAPTURED, NICOLE. HAD I NOT DELAYED YOU, YOUR PHYSICAL FORM WOULDN'T HAVE RUN OUT AND...HELLO?
SHE'S DEALING WITH A... SYSTEM ERROR, SIRE. NAUGUS MUST'VE DONE SOMETHING TO HER.
THEN I'M DOUBLY SORRY, DEAR GIRL!
IT'S WEIRD SEEING KING ACORN SO HEALTHY, LIVELY...AND NOT A TOTAL JERK. MAYBE SOME GOOD WILL COME FROM THIS WORLD-CHANGE AFTER ALL!


IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU IN REPAIRING THE DAMAGE?
CAN YOU PUT US IN CONTACT WITH ROTOR AND THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS? WE...*Uh* ...KINDA LOST CONTACT WITH EVERYBODY.
NOT DIRECTLY, BUT I CAN POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
SOON--THE ROYAL STUDY
I KNOW YOU WERE ALL WORKING ON A TOP-SECRET PROJECT. THE ONLY COMMUNIQUÉ I RECEIVED WAS FROM ROTOR, AND WAS ***HIGHLY-ENCRYPTED.***
LOOKS LIKE A SET OF COORDINATES TO ME.
GREAT! LET'S GET MOVING THEN. THE TORNADO IS PARKED AT THE ROYAL AIRSTRIP, RIGHT?
RIGHT...I ***THINK.***
BOYS, IF I COULD TROUBLE YOU FOR ONE MORE THING...
SURE THING, KINGY.
WHILE I WOULD NOT ASK YOU TO PRIORITIZE YOUR FRIENDS...
...I ASK YOU TO LET ME KNOW THE ***MOMENT*** YOU'VE FOUND MY DAUGHTER.

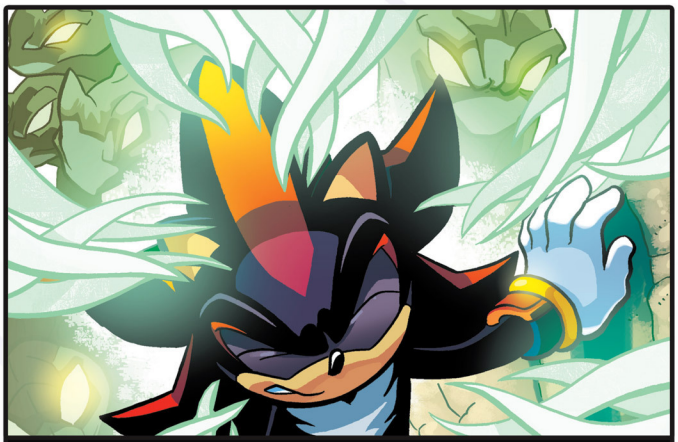

THE ARCTIC
"I KNOW SHE'S CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF HERSELF..."
"...BUT STILL, IN THESE DANGEROUS TIMES, IT WOULD EASE MY MIND..."
"...TO KNOW MY SALLY IS SAFE."
A NEW WORLD DISCOVERED! MYSTERIES ABOUND!
AND SALLY NO LONGER A ROBOT?! THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES NEXT TIME AS WE BEGIN THE...
COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!!



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 252 COVER – BONUS PIN-UP

DID YOU KNOW...

Shadow the Hedgehog has faced the Black Arms before in 2005 in his self-titled video game, *Shadow the Hedgehog*. Using the power of the Chaos Emeralds, Sonic's dark doppleganger defeated the aliens hive-mind known as Black Doom. With their leader out of commission and their home comet destroyed, the Black Arms were defeated, or so it was thought...



Although Shadow has vowed to protect the planet as his life mission, he is still binded by blood to the Black Arms, and is able to tap into their collected mind! What dangers does this power present?

That makes him the team's greatest asset, but also the greatest liability. Cmd. Tower is counting on Rouge the Bat's cunning and E-123 Omega's power to keep Shadow in check in case Shadow goes rogue.

But what sinister secrets do the Black Arms have waiting in the shadows? You can't miss our darkest, most thrilling adventure yet when "Shadow Fall" begins in Sonic Universe #59! ■

They were thought to be extinct, but now a small population has returned – and they're out for revenge! So G.U.N. is sending Team Dark and the last handful of G.U.N. soldiers to pre-emptively stop the alien invasion.

This will be Team Dark's greatest challenge yet. Shadow has a very personal take in this – he's part Black Arms himself!

Team Dark is the ultimate powerhouse dedicated to serving G.U.N. With Shadow's agility, Rouge's slyness, and E-123 Omega's explosive might, this team of heroes can tackle anything that gets in their way! But what threat does this new band of Black Arms pose with the mysterious creature known as Eclipse?

Penciller Jamal Peppers brings Shadow and Eclipse together to lead an army of Black Arms in SU #61!

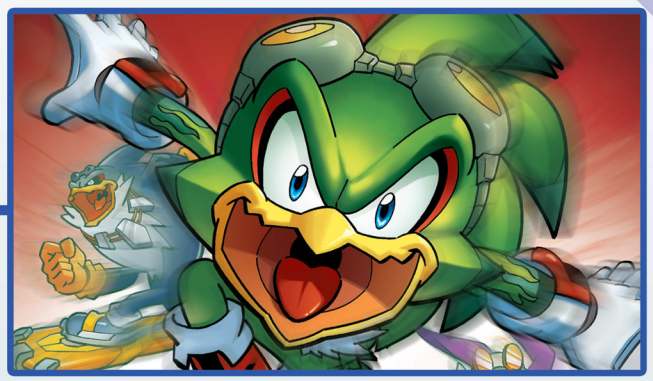
SONIC UNIVERSE ISSUE 61 COVER – BONUS PIN-UP

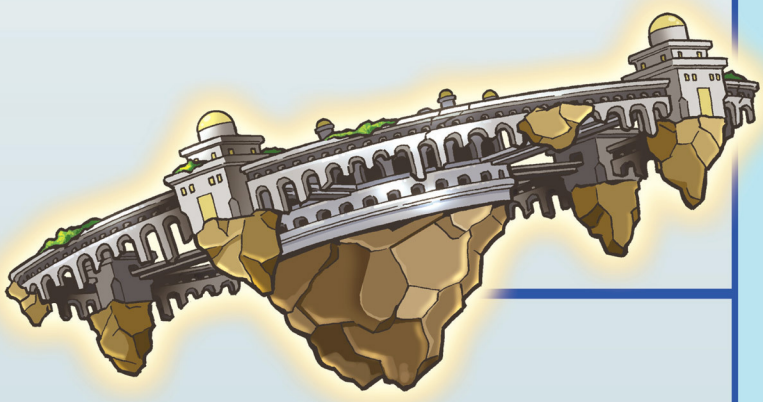
SONIC SUPER SPECIAL COMIC FEATURE:

REMEMBRANCE

PREVIOUSLY...

HEROES ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS THEIR **VILLAINS**, AND SONIC'S WORLD HOSTS SOME OF THE MOST **FEARSOME** AND LOATHSOME CHARACTERS YOU **LOVE TO HATE!**





SONIC'S FOES COME IN MANY SHAPES AND SIZES, AND SOMETIMES AT **SUPER-SPEED!** ENTER THE **BABYLON ROGUES:** A TRIO OF AIRBORNE REBELS OUT TO WRECK HAVOC! BUT AMONGST THE MAYHEM, THE ROGUES HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR THEIR LONG-LOST **ANCESTRAL CITY OF BABYLON GARDEN.**

NOW, DEEP IN THE FORGOTTEN RUINS OF THE **GIGAN MOUNTAINS,** THEY FIND THEIR FIRST SOLID LEAD! BUT WILL THEY **SURVIVE** TO PUT THEIR NEW-FOUND **KNOWLEDGE** TO USE?

DID YOU KNOW...

The Babylon Rogues first appeared in the 2006 racing game Sonic Riders. This was the first Sonic racing game to introduce extreme gear, which is a type of air-powered racing equipment. These vehicles are the Babylon Rogues' specialty and are even fast enough to challenge the speed of the Blue Blur!

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BEST OF SONIC VILLAINS
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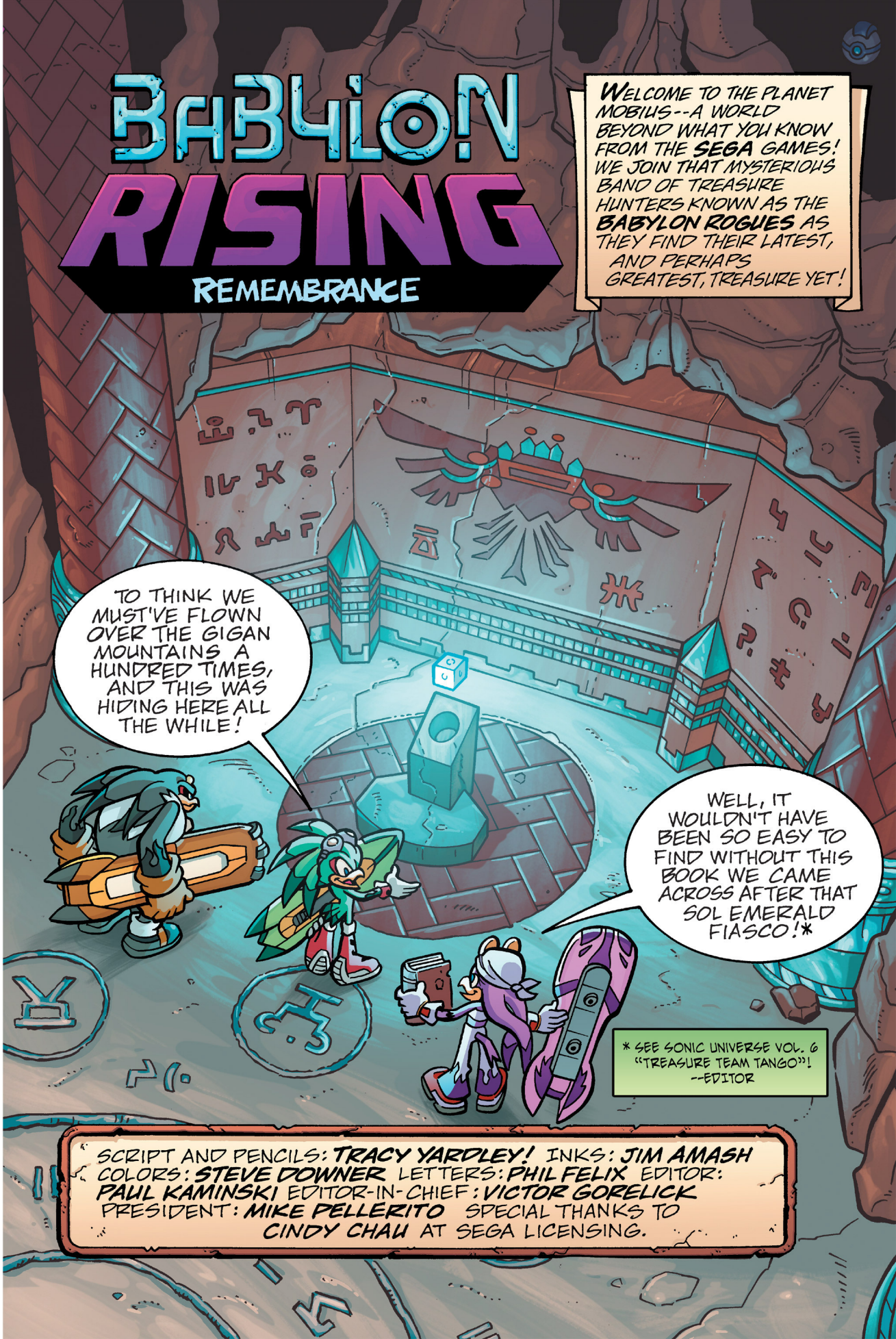
THE HEDGEHOG
VILLAINS
BEST OF
SONIC COMICS
VOLUME
2

JET THE HAWK
ROGUE LEADER
WAVE THE SWALLOW
ROGUE MECHANIC
OH YEAH. THIS IS THE PLACE.
STORM THE ALBATROSS
ROGUE MUSCLE


BABYLON RISING
REMEMBRANCE
WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES! WE JOIN THAT MYSTERIOUS BAND OF TREASURE HUNTERS KNOWN AS THE BABYLON ROGUES AS THEY FIND THEIR LATEST, AND PERHAPS GREATEST, TREASURE YET!
TO THINK WE MUST'VE FLOWN OVER THE GIGAN MOUNTAINS A HUNDRED TIMES, AND THIS WAS HIDING HERE ALL THE WHILE!
WELL, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO EASY TO FIND WITHOUT THIS BOOK WE CAME ACROSS AFTER THAT SOL EMERALD FIASCO!*
* SEE SONIC UNIVERSE VOL. 6 "TREASURE TEAM TANGO"! --EDITOR
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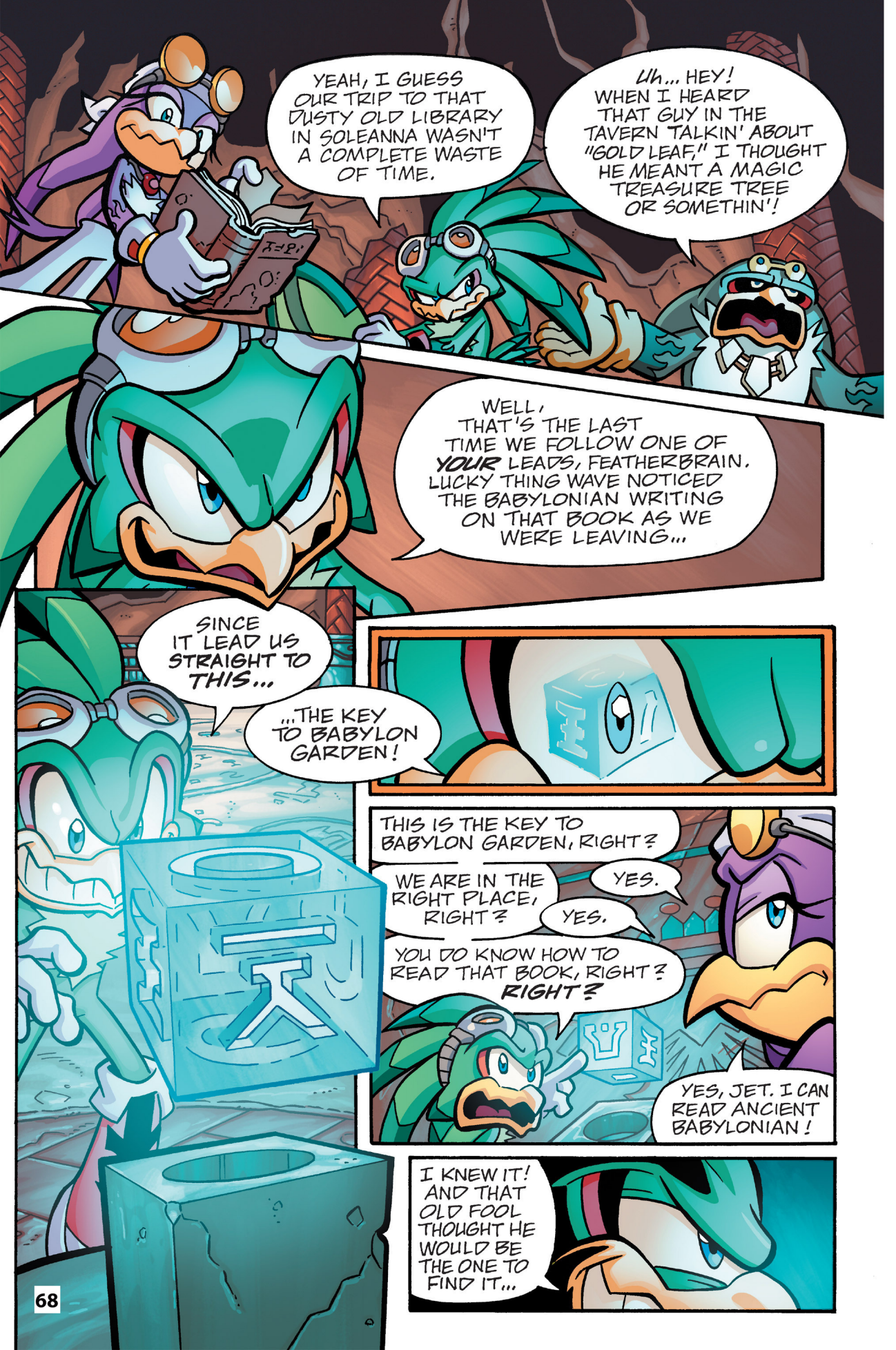
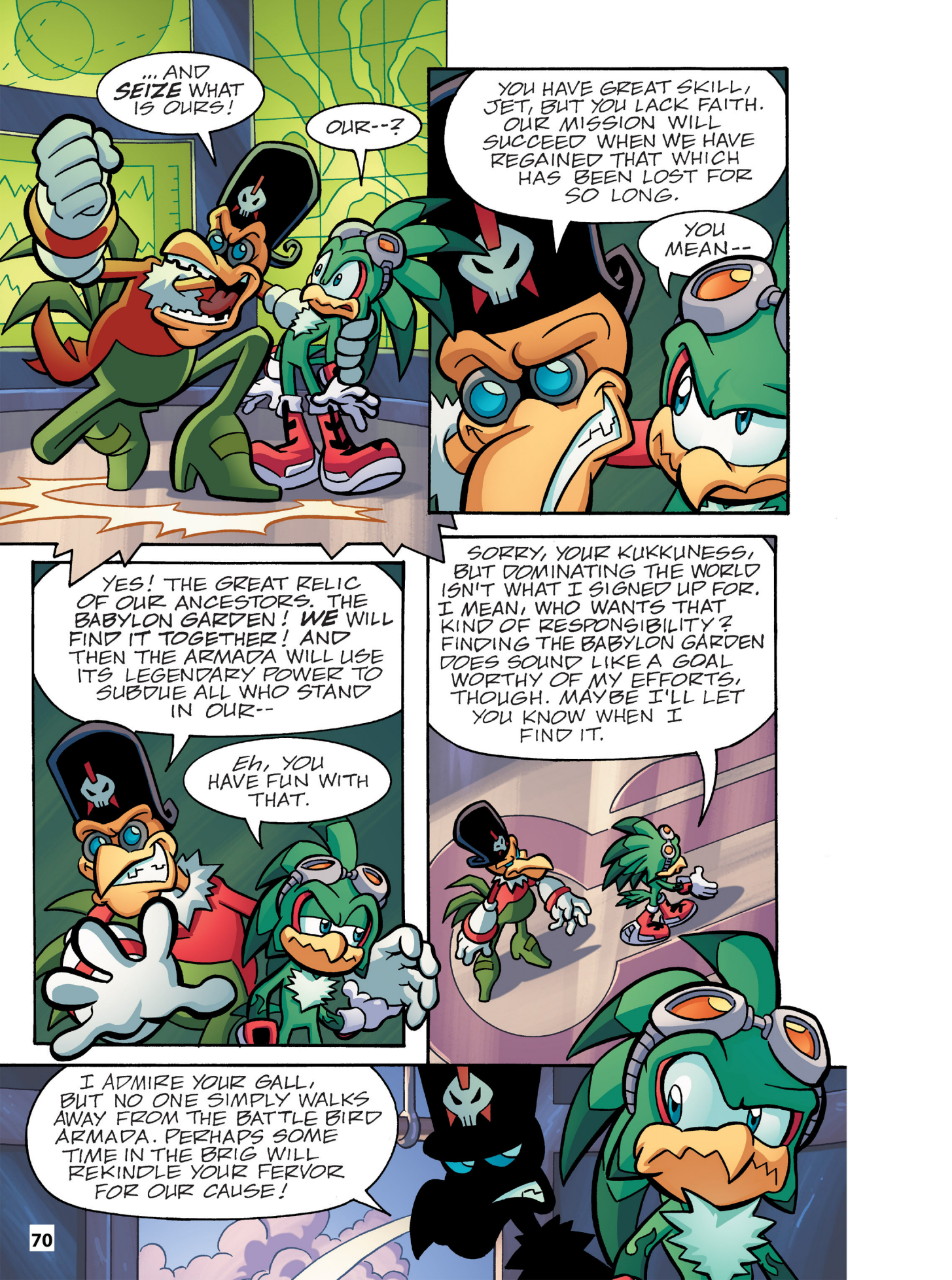
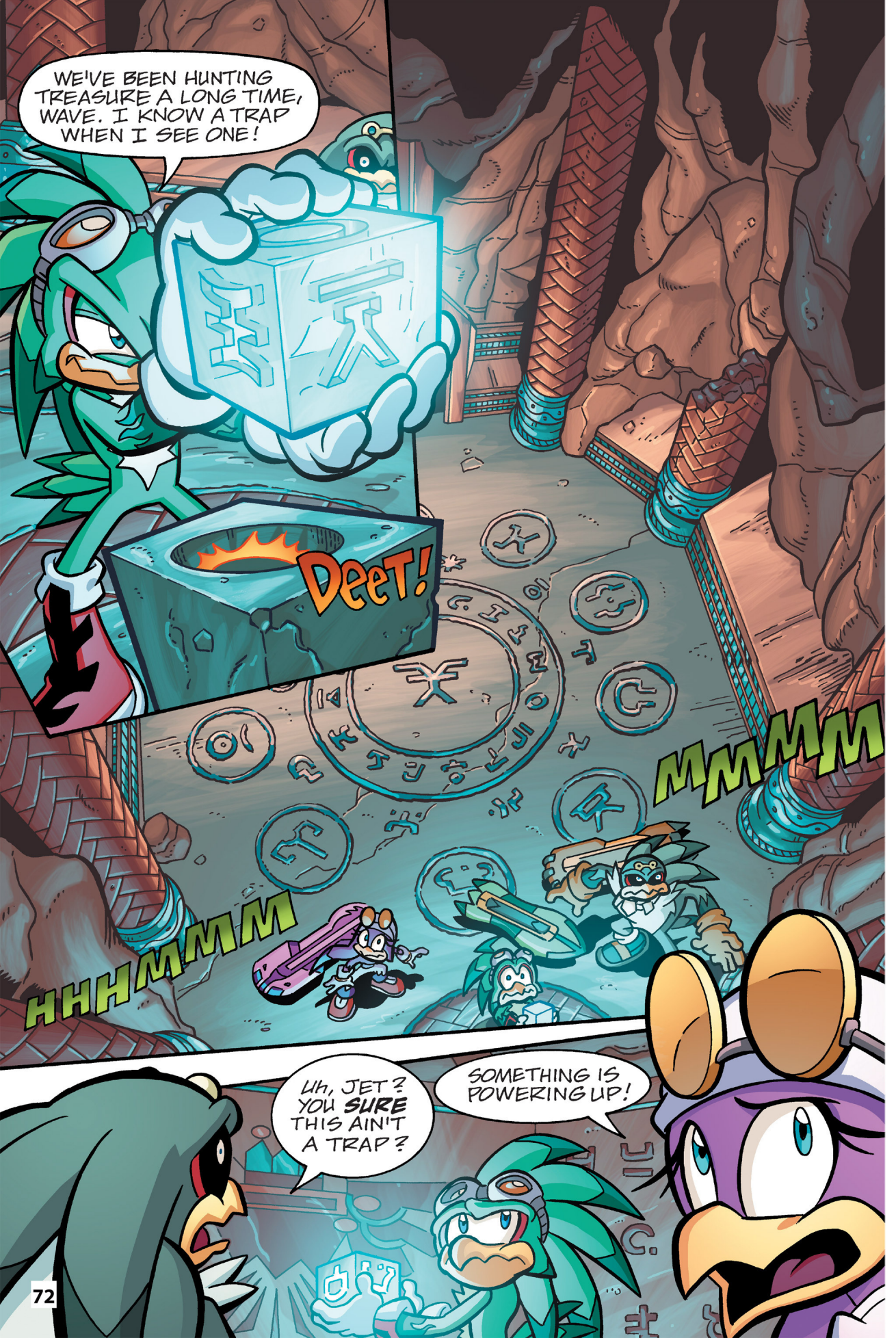

YEAH, I GUESS OUR TRIP TO THAT DUSTY OLD LIBRARY IN SOLEANNA WASN'T A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME.
UH... HEY! WHEN I HEARD THAT GUY IN THE TAVERN TALKIN' ABOUT "GOLD LEAF," I THOUGHT HE MEANT A MAGIC TREASURE TREE OR SOMETHIN'!
WELL, THAT'S THE LAST TIME WE FOLLOW ONE OF YOUR LEADS, FEATHERBRAIN. LUCKY THING WAVE NOTICED THE BABYLONIAN WRITING ON THAT BOOK AS WE WERE LEAVING...
SINCE IT LEAD US STRAIGHT TO THIS...
...THE KEY TO BABYLON GARDEN!
THIS IS THE KEY TO BABYLON GARDEN, RIGHT?
WE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT?
YES.
YES.
YOU DO KNOW HOW TO READ THAT BOOK, RIGHT? RIGHT?
YES, JET. I CAN READ ANCIENT BABYLONIAN!
I KNEW IT! AND THAT OLD FOOL THOUGHT HE WOULD BE THE ONE TO FIND IT...

"I REMEMBER THE SMUG LOOK ON THE BATTLE LORD'S FACE. I CAN'T WAIT TO WIPE IT OFF!"
BATTLE BIRD ARMADA FORTRESS, YEARS AGO...
I MUST THANK YOU FOR DEIGNING TO ANSWER MY SUMMONS, JET, AS IT SEEMS OBEDIENCE IS NOT YOUR DEFINING QUALITY.
I SUPPOSE--
AS GRAND BATTLE KUKKU THE 15TH AND BATTLE LORD OF THE MIGHTY BATTLE BIRD ARMADA, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THOSE UNDER MY COMMAND OBEY WITHOUT QUESTION IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE GREAT DESTINY THAT IS BEFORE US.
BUT--
AS ALL LOYAL MEMBERS OF OUR AVIAN ARMY AVOW, IT IS THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF WE BIRDS TO DOMINATE THE SKY AND ALL BENEATH IT! WE ARE POISED TO STRIKE! WE NEED ONLY TO SWOOP...


...AND SEIZE WHAT IS OURS!
OUR--?
YOU HAVE GREAT SKILL, JET, BUT YOU LACK FAITH. OUR MISSION WILL SUCCEED WHEN WE HAVE REGAINED THAT WHICH HAS BEEN LOST FOR SO LONG.
YOU MEAN--
YES! THE GREAT RELIC OF OUR ANCESTORS. THE BABYLON GARDEN! WE WILL FIND IT TOGETHER! AND THEN THE ARMADA WILL USE ITS LEGENDARY POWER TO SUBDUE ALL WHO STAND IN OUR--
Eh, YOU HAVE FUN WITH THAT.
SORRY, YOUR KUKKUNESS, BUT DOMINATING THE WORLD ISN'T WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR. I MEAN, WHO WANTS THAT KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY? FINDING THE BABYLON GARDEN DOES SOUND LIKE A GOAL WORTHY OF MY EFFORTS, THOUGH. MAYBE I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I FIND IT.
I ADMIRE YOUR GALL, BUT NO ONE SIMPLY WALKS AWAY FROM THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA. PERHAPS SOME TIME IN THE BRIG WILL REKINDLE YOUR FERVOR FOR OUR CAUSE!

THAT OLD DODO. HE'LL SEE SOME FERVOR ONCE WE FIND BABYLON GARDEN!
AND THAT GLOWY CUBE IS THE KEY TO THE BABYLON GARDEN, RIGHT?
YES, STORM, IT IS.
SO WHAT IS THE BABYLON GARDEN?
WELL, NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE. THE GARDEN WAS LOST LONG BEFORE EVEN THE RISE OF THE BATTLE KUKKUS. SOME SAY IT'S A GREAT TREASURE TROVE OF WEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE. SOME THINK IT MIGHT BE A FORTRESS OR AN ANCIENT WEAPON OF SOME KIND.
SO NO FLOWERS?
PROBABLY NOT.
WHO WANTS FLOWERS ANY-HOW? THE GLORY OF FINDING IT IS WHAT I'M AFTER!
BE CAREFUL, JET! IT MAY BE BOOBY-TRAPPED!


WE'VE BEEN HUNTING TREASURE A LONG TIME, WAVE. I KNOW A TRAP WHEN I SEE ONE!
DEET!
HHHMMM
MMMM
UH, JET? YOU SURE THIS AIN'T A TRAP?
SOMETHING IS POWERING UP!

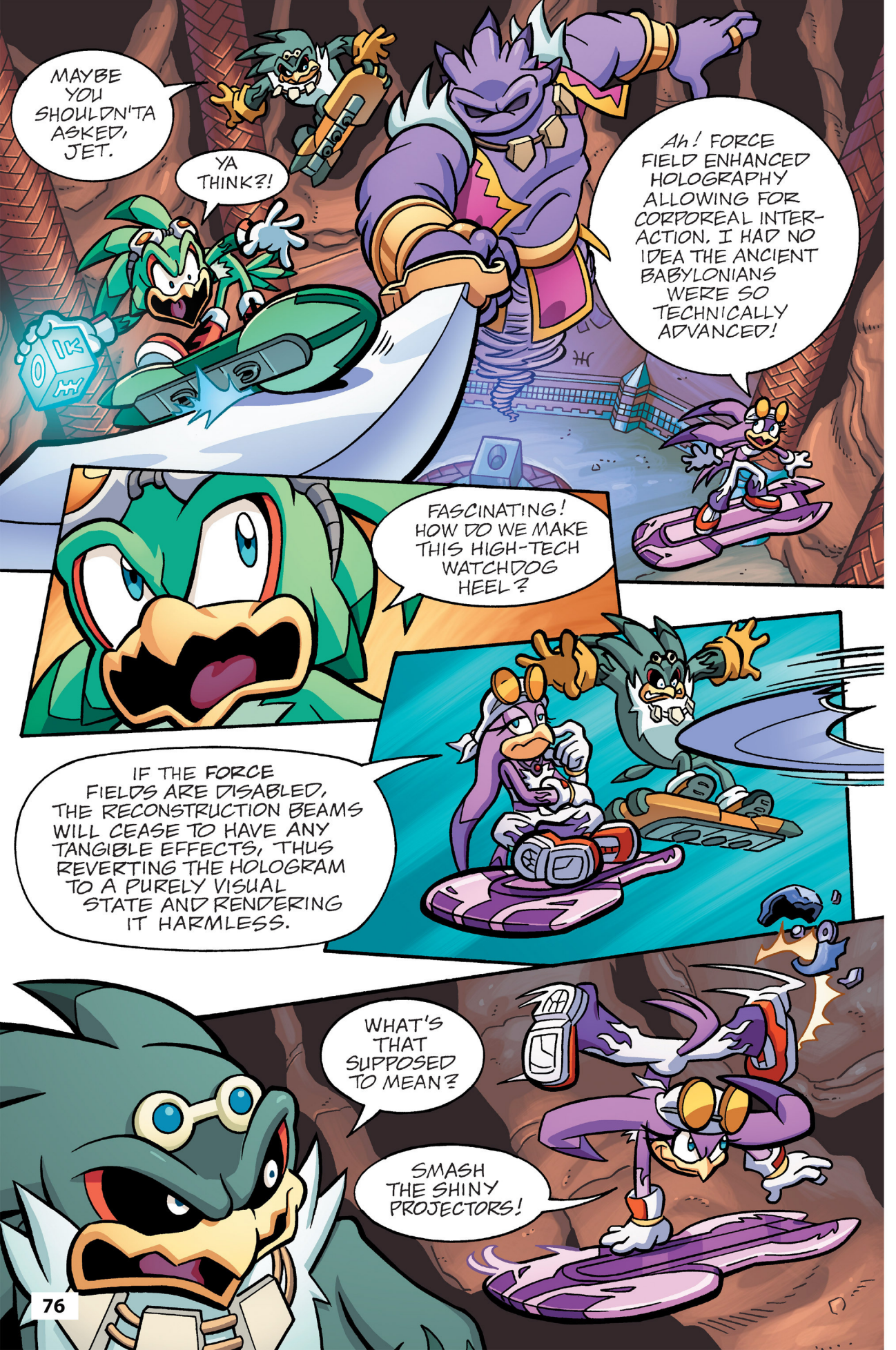
BATTLE BIRD ARMADA FORTRESS ...
BABYLONIAN ENERGY SIGNATURE DETECTED
TWEET-TWEET! TWEET-TWEET!
SIR!

NICOLE, HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS UNIDENTIFIED ENERGY SIGNATURE YET?
NO, ROTOR. I FIND THAT I'M NOT ABLE TO FOCUS CLEARLY AT THE MOMENT.*

*OUR HEROES HAVE JUST BEEN THROUGH THE UNSETTLING EVENTS OF "GENESIS." SEE **STH** ISSUES 224-230.

NICOLE
I'M SORRY, NICOLE. I JUST TRY TO FOCUS ON THE WORK AT HAND TO HELP ME GET THROUGH. I, uh... I THINK WE SHOULD GO OVER SOME NEW SECURITY MEASURES I MENTIONED TO ELIAS.

MMMMwumwumwumwum
KER THUM!
HALT! THOU HAST TAKEN THAT WHICH HATH BEEN PLACED HERE BY THE CHILDREN OF BABYLON! RETURN WHAT THOU HAST REMOVED OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCE!
SO SPEAKETH ANGELUS, BABYLON GUARDIAN!
Hmm. THIS "ANGELUS" APPEARS TO BE A HOLOGRAM. I CAN SEE A PROJECTOR UP ABOVE.
JUST A HOLOGRAM? HOW'S A BUNCH OF RECORDED LIGHT PATTERNS GONNA STOP US?
HEY, ANGELUS! I'M TAKETHING THIS CUBE! WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DOETH ABOUT IT?
CHOCK!


MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'TA ASKED, JET.
YA THINK?!
Ah! FORCE FIELD ENHANCED HOLOGRAPHY ALLOWING FOR CORPOREAL INTER-ACTION. I HAD NO IDEA THE ANCIENT BABYLONIANS WERE SO TECHNICALLY ADVANCED!
FASCINATING! HOW DO WE MAKE THIS HIGH-TECH WATCHDOG HEEL?
IF THE FORCE FIELDS ARE DISABLED, THE RECONSTRUCTION BEAMS WILL CEASE TO HAVE ANY TANGIBLE EFFECTS, THUS REVERTING THE HOLOGRAM TO A PURELY VISUAL STATE AND RENDERING IT HARMLESS.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
SMASH THE SHINY PROJECTORS!

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT!
Er, MAY-BE NOT.
CEASE THY ATTEMPTS AT DESTRUCTION. CLEARLY THOU ART NOT WORTHY TO WIELD THE KEY THAT UN-CHAINETH THE DIVINE WINGS.
DIVINE WINGS, HUH? WHO COULD BE MORE WORTHY THAN THE FASTEST BIRD IN THE WORLD?
THY ARROGANCE FAR OUTSTRIPS THY SPEED.
WHAT THE--!
NAB!
CATCH THE WHOLE STORY IN...
BEST OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VILLAINS
ON SALE NOW!

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL COMIC FEATURE:

I AM

PREVIOUSLY...

WHEN **SHADOW** FIRST ARRIVED IN **SONC'S WORLD** HE HAD WANDERED WITHOUT REASON, HIS PURPOSE IN LIFE WAS A **MYSTERY**. THE ONLY LINK TO HIS PAST WAS A MYSTERIOUS GIRL BY THE NAME OF **MARIA ROBOTONIK** AND HER GRANDFATHER, **GERALD**.

MISGUIDED AND CONFUSED, SHADOW TEMPORARILY JOINED FORCES WITH **DR. EGGMAN** IN HOPES TO GET ANSWERS FOR HIS PAST.

SINCE ANSWERS WERE NOT **FORTHCOMING**, SHADOW LEFT EGGMAN TO CONTINUE HIS SEARCH FOR ANSWERS BY HIS OWN MEANS.

SHADOW'S EFFORTS PROVED FUTILE UP UNTIL NOW. A **CLUE** FROM THE PAST HAS BEEN **UNCOVERED** IN DR. EGGMAN'S BASE, AND SHADOW IS **DETERMINED** TO UNCOVER HIS MYSTERIOUS PAST **ONCE AND FOR ALL...**

DID YOU KNOW...

The relics of Shadow's past are returning once again in Sonic Universe issues 59-62. A small team of Black Arms aliens have returned to Sonic's world to leech the life of the planet and sway Shadow back to their side. Shadow's alligence will be tested in this epic story!

Tracy Yardley!
-Jim Amash '06!
Jensen!

I AM
I WILL ASK YOU ONE LAST TIME, DOCTOR. WHERE IS PROFESSOR GERALD'S DIARY?
GRAND-FATHER'S DIARY IS MINE, JUST LIKE YOU, SHADOW! I COMMAND YOU TO RELEASE ME!
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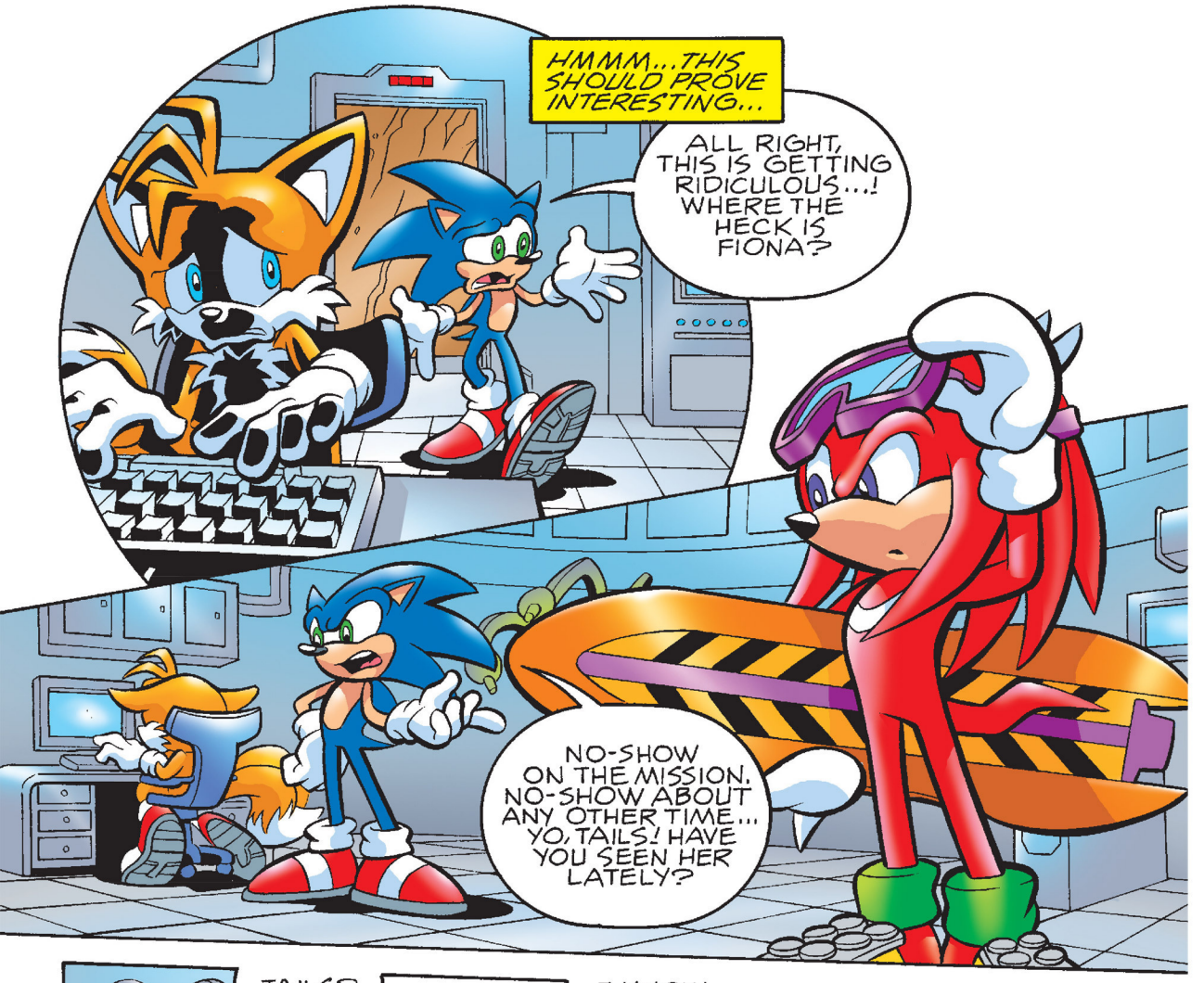
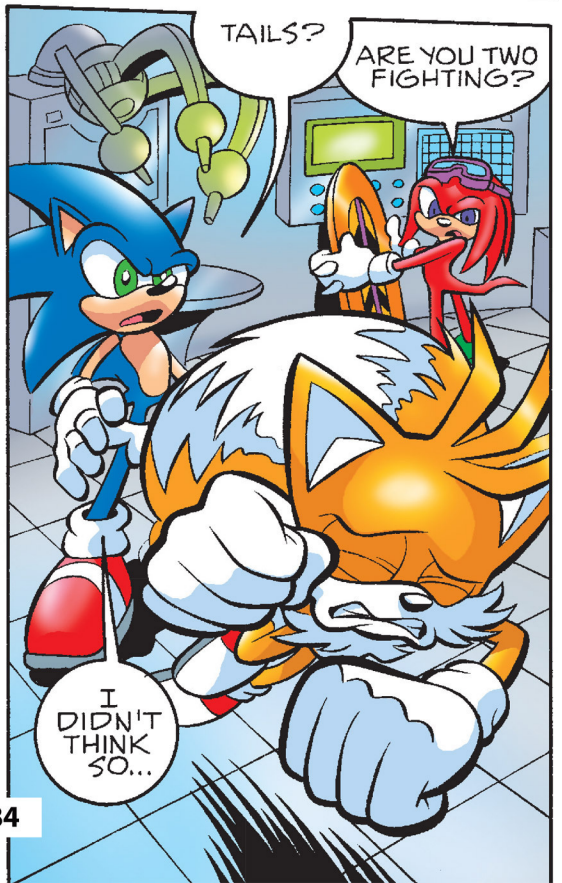
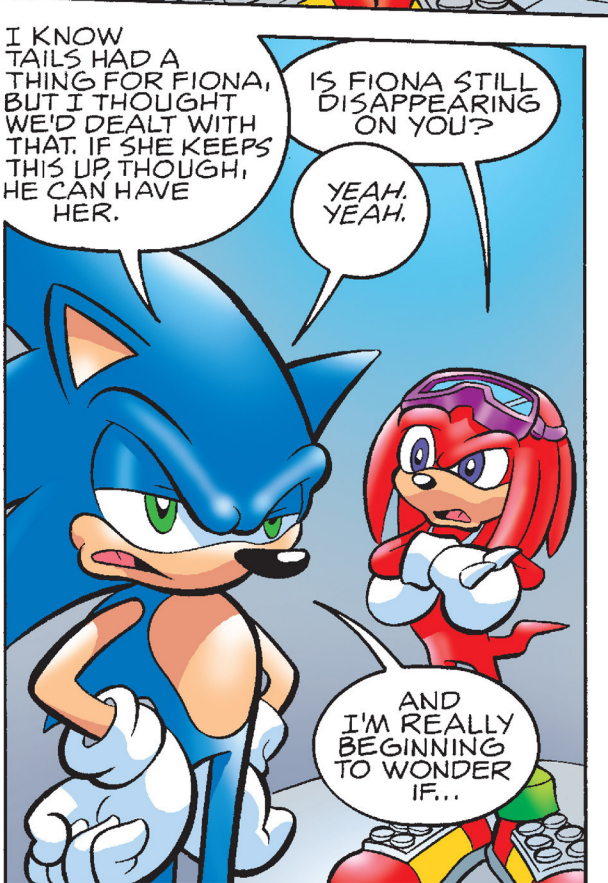
ANY-THING BUT THE HAIR, I BEG OF YOU...!
THE DIARY.
UNCLE ROBOTNIK'S PRIVATE STUDY! I SWEAR!

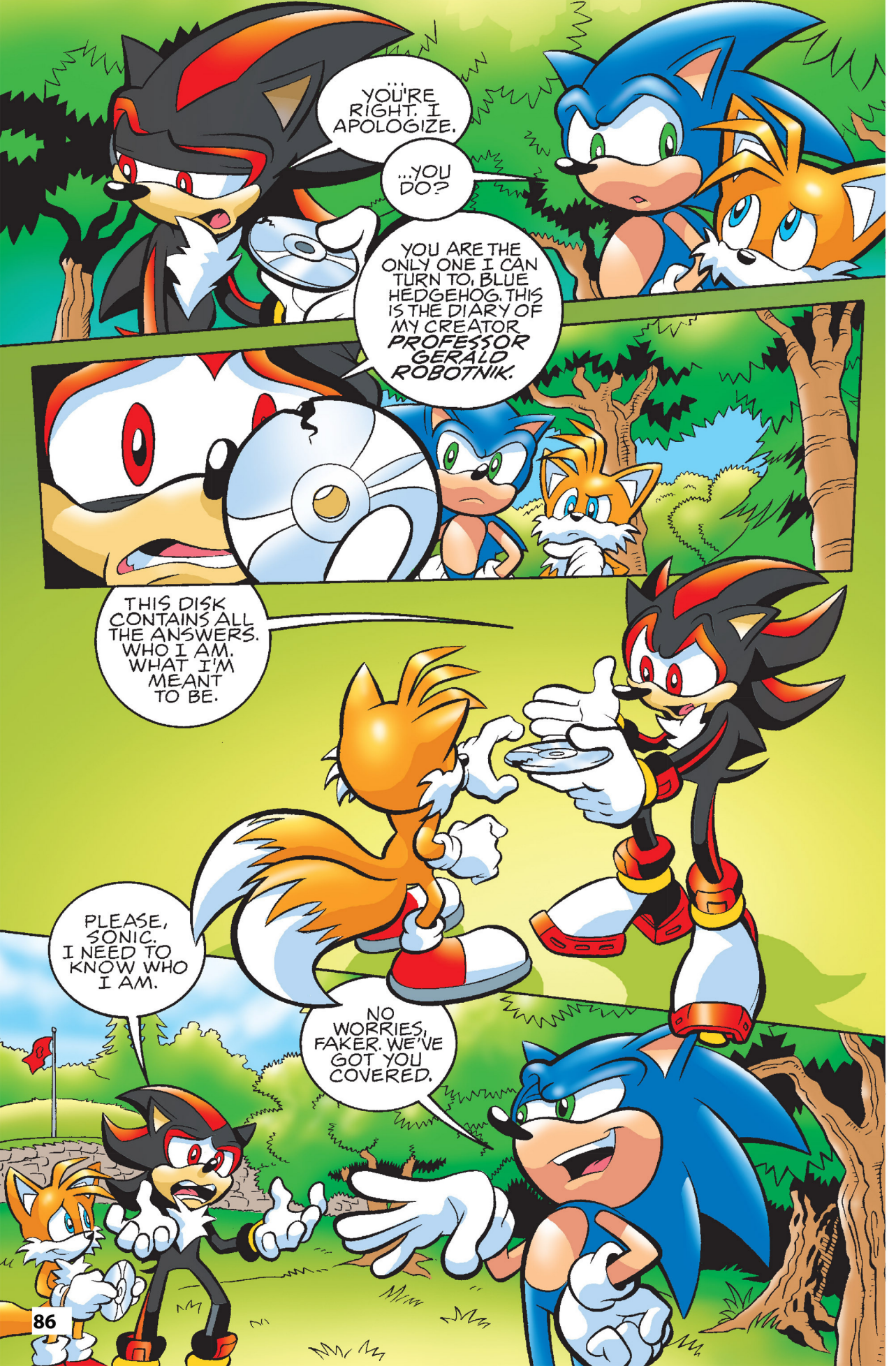
VERY GOOD. THIS IS FOR WASTING MY TIME.
NOOOOOOO!
YOU TRAITOR!
HE TOOK MY HAIR!!!
SO WHAT? BALD IS BEAUTIFUL!
THEY WERE MY LAST SIX HAIRS!!!
AT LONG LAST... THE DIARY OF MY CREATOR...
ALL THE SECRETS, ALL THE CONFUSION... IT'S ALMOST OVER.
I CANNOT SAFELY INVESTIGATE IT HERE, HOWEVER. I NEED COMPARABLE TECHNOLOGY IN A PLACE I CAN TRUST...

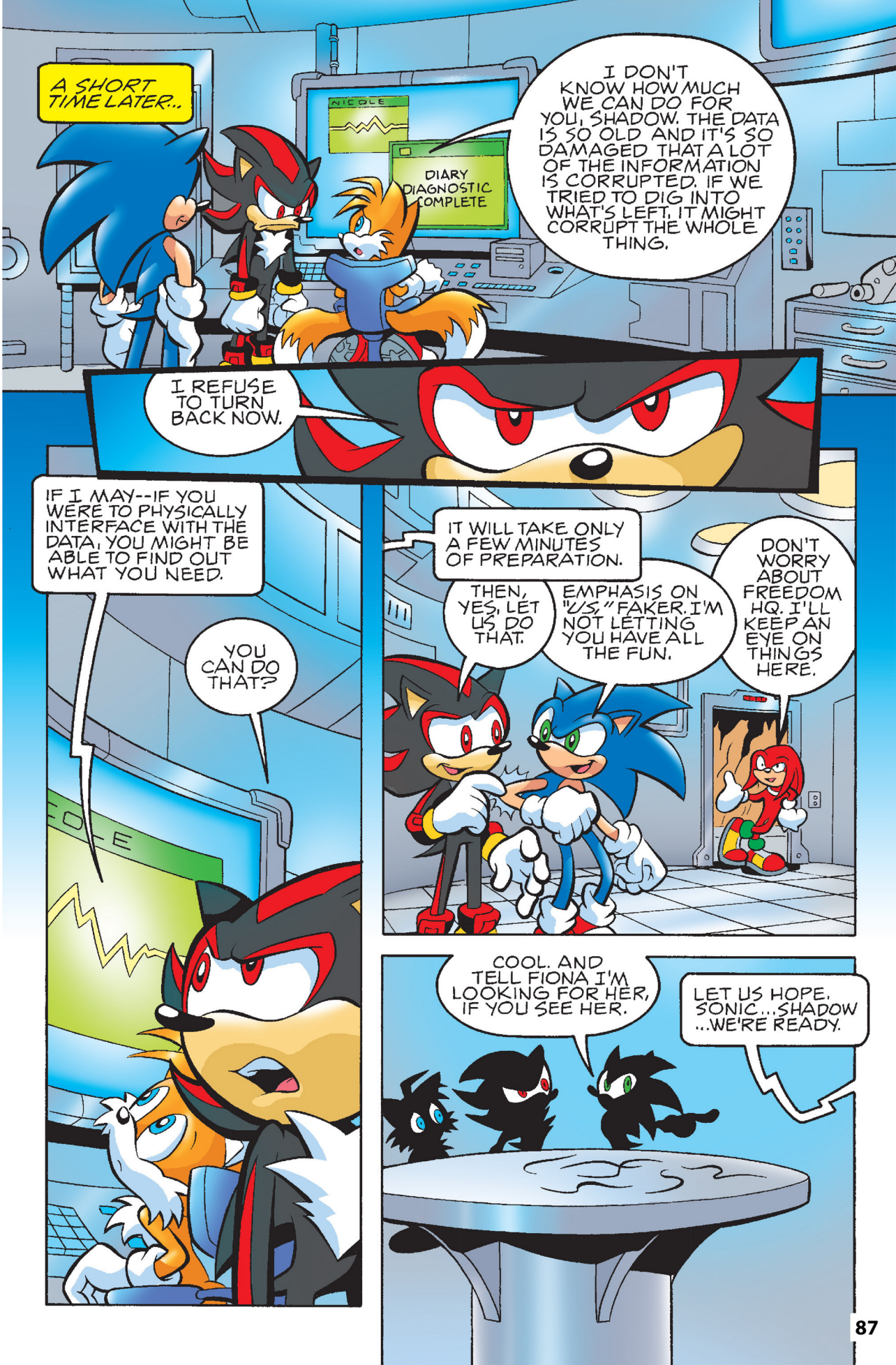

HMMM...THIS SHOULD PROVE INTERESTING...
ALL RIGHT, THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS...! WHERE THE HECK IS FIONA?
NO-SHOW ON THE MISSION. NO-SHOW ABOUT ANY OTHER TIME... YO, TAILS! HAVE YOU SEEN HER LATELY?


TAILS?
ARE YOU TWO FIGHTING?
I DIDN'T THINK SO...


I KNOW TAILS HAD A THING FOR FIONA, BUT I THOUGHT WE'D DEALT WITH THAT. IF SHE KEEPS THIS UP, THOUGH, HE CAN HAVE HER.
IS FIONA STILL DISAPPEARING ON YOU?
YEAH. YEAH.
AND I'M REALLY BEGINNING TO WONDER IF...

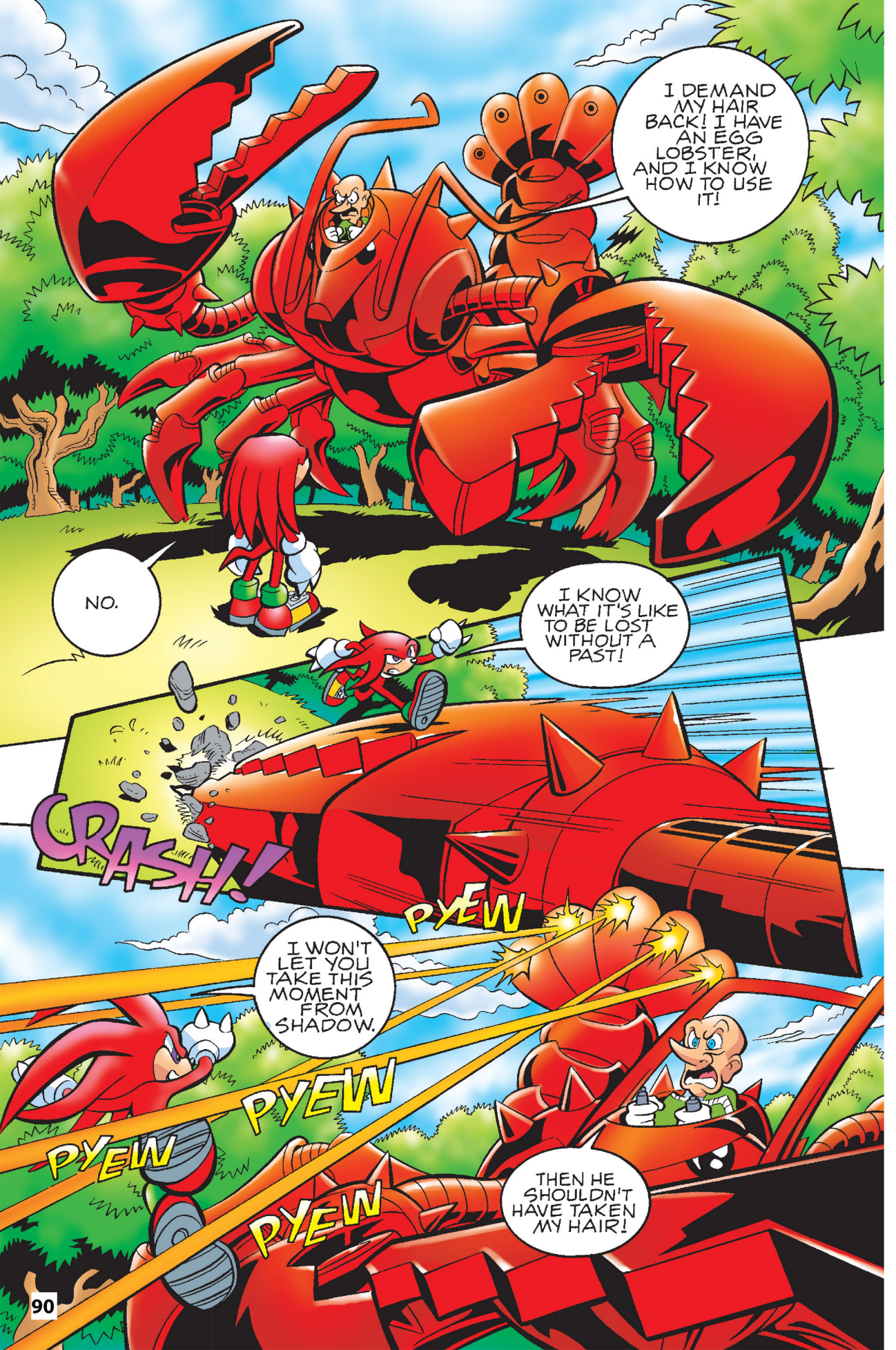
SONIC!
HA! I KNEW HE'D COME AROUND!
IT'S SHADOW! HE'S HEADED THIS WAY--
--AND HE'S UNDER ATTACK!
NO!
KLZZ!
SMASH!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS.
YOU COULDN'T SHOW UP TEN SECONDS EARLIER!
WHY, YOU'RE WELCOME, SHADOW. I'M GLAD WE COULD HELP. YOUR PROFUSE GRATITUDE IS TOUCHING.


...YOU'RE RIGHT. I APOLOGIZE.
...YOU DO?
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TURN TO, BLUE HEDGEHOG. THIS IS THE DIARY OF MY CREATOR *PROFESSOR GERALD ROBOTNIK.*
THIS DISK CONTAINS ALL THE ANSWERS. WHO I AM. WHAT I'M MEANT TO BE.
PLEASE, SONIC. I NEED TO KNOW WHO I AM.
NO WORRIES, FAKER. WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.


A SHORT TIME LATER...
NICOLE
DIARY DIAGNOSTIC COMPLETE
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH WE CAN DO FOR YOU, SHADOW. THE DATA IS SO OLD AND IT'S SO DAMAGED THAT A LOT OF THE INFORMATION IS CORRUPTED. IF WE TRIED TO DIG INTO WHAT'S LEFT, IT MIGHT CORRUPT THE WHOLE THING.
I REFUSE TO TURN BACK NOW.
IF I MAY--IF YOU WERE TO PHYSICALLY INTERFACE WITH THE DATA, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU NEED.
YOU CAN DO THAT?
IT WILL TAKE ONLY A FEW MINUTES OF PREPARATION.
THEN, YES, LET US DO THAT.
EMPHASIS ON "US," FAKER. I'M NOT LETTING YOU HAVE ALL THE FUN.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT FREEDOM HQ. I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS HERE.
COOL. AND TELL FIONA I'M LOOKING FOR HER, IF YOU SEE HER.
LET US HOPE, SONIC...SHADOW ...WE'RE READY.

INSIDE GERALD'S DIARY...
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE CREATED?
YES.
HOMEY.
IT'S JUST AS I FEARED. OUR VERY PRESENCE IS ACCELERATING THE DEGRADATION. WE NEED TO BE QUICK.
NICOLE ?!
I... YES. I'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING CORPOREAL LIFE AS A SIDE-PROJECT.*
SWEET! I LIKE THE LOOK.
I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE NEEDED TO BE QUICK.
THANK YOU. I'VE RUN INTO SOME DIFFICULTIES, BUT...
*AS SEEN IN STH #151.
SHADOW! WELCOME BACK!
YOU!

WHO'S THAT?
I DON'T KNOW. I GUESS SHADOW SOMEHOW KNOWS...
ALERT
BREEP! BREEP! BREEP!
ANOTHER ATTACK?
IT'S SNIVELY! I'M DETECTING SOME KIND OF DATA-TRANSFER... WE'VE GOT A BEACON HERE IN THE BASE!
ALERT
SNIVELY HAS HIS HAIRS INDIVIDUALLY TRACKED?
HE'S EGGMAN'S NEPHEW. THEY'RE ALL INSANE!


I DEMAND MY HAIR BACK! I HAVE AN EGG LOBSTER, AND I KNOW HOW TO USE IT!
NO.
I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE LOST WITHOUT A PAST!
CRASH!
PYEW
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE THIS MOMENT FROM SHADOW.
PYEW
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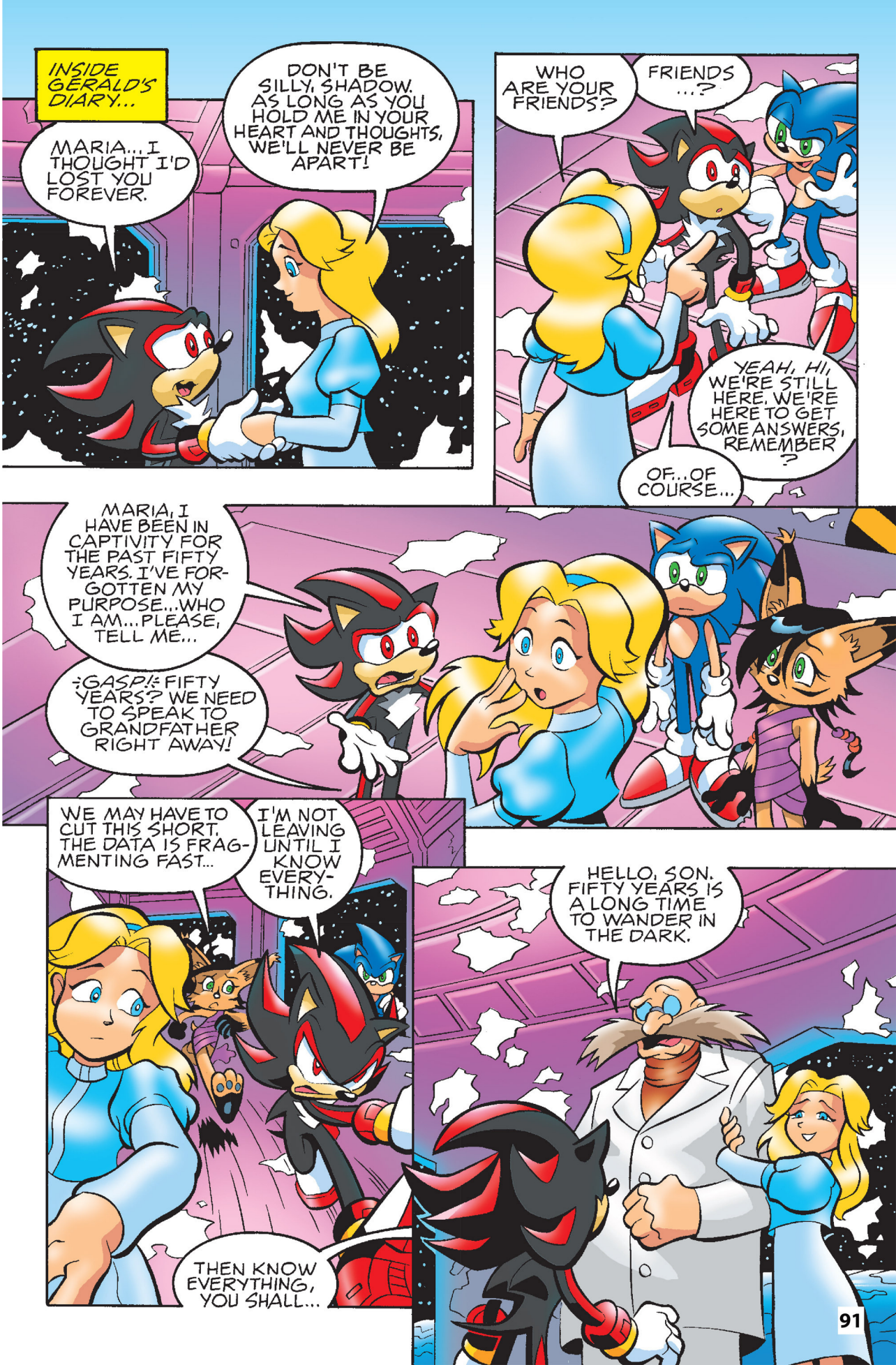
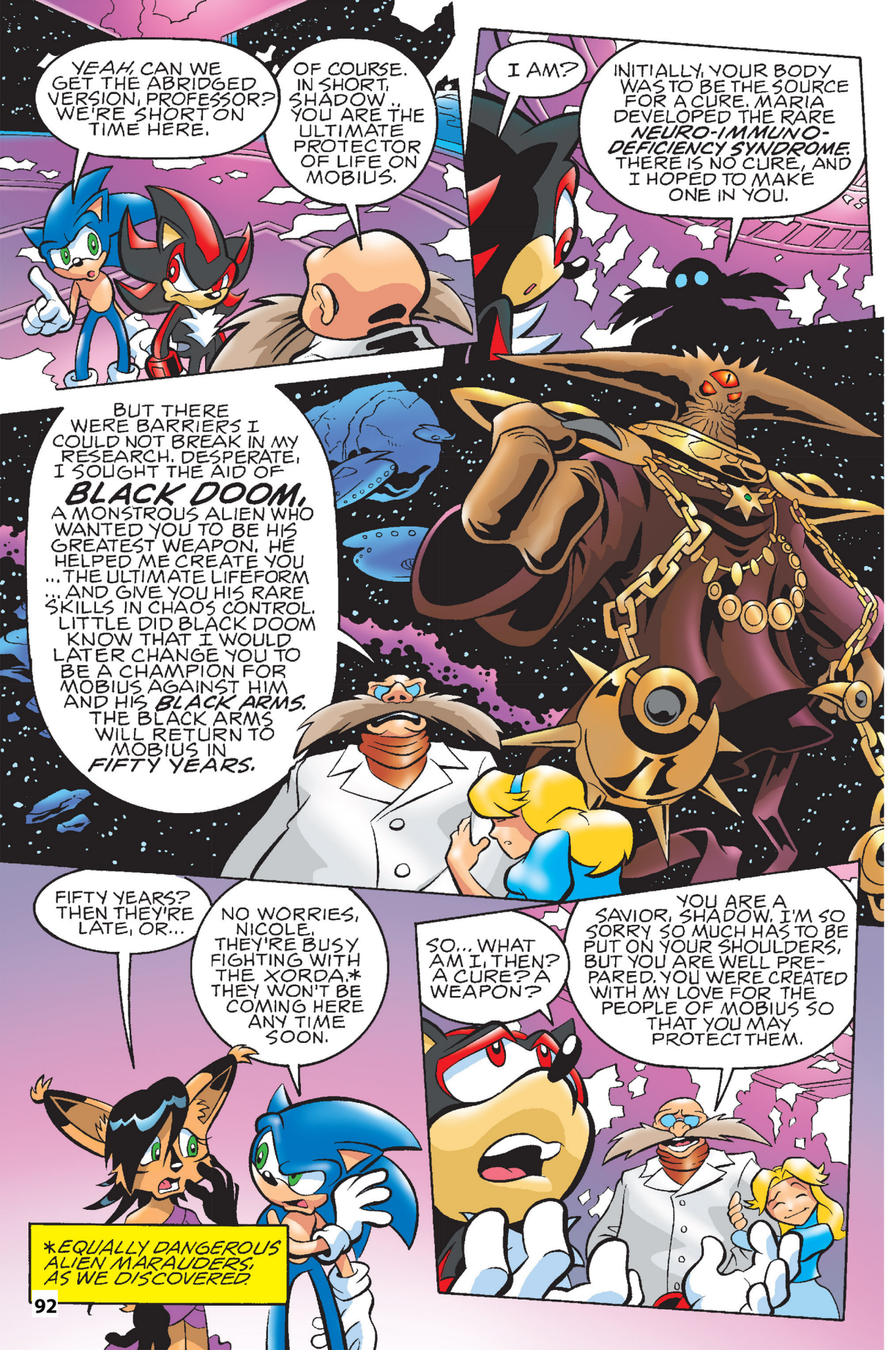
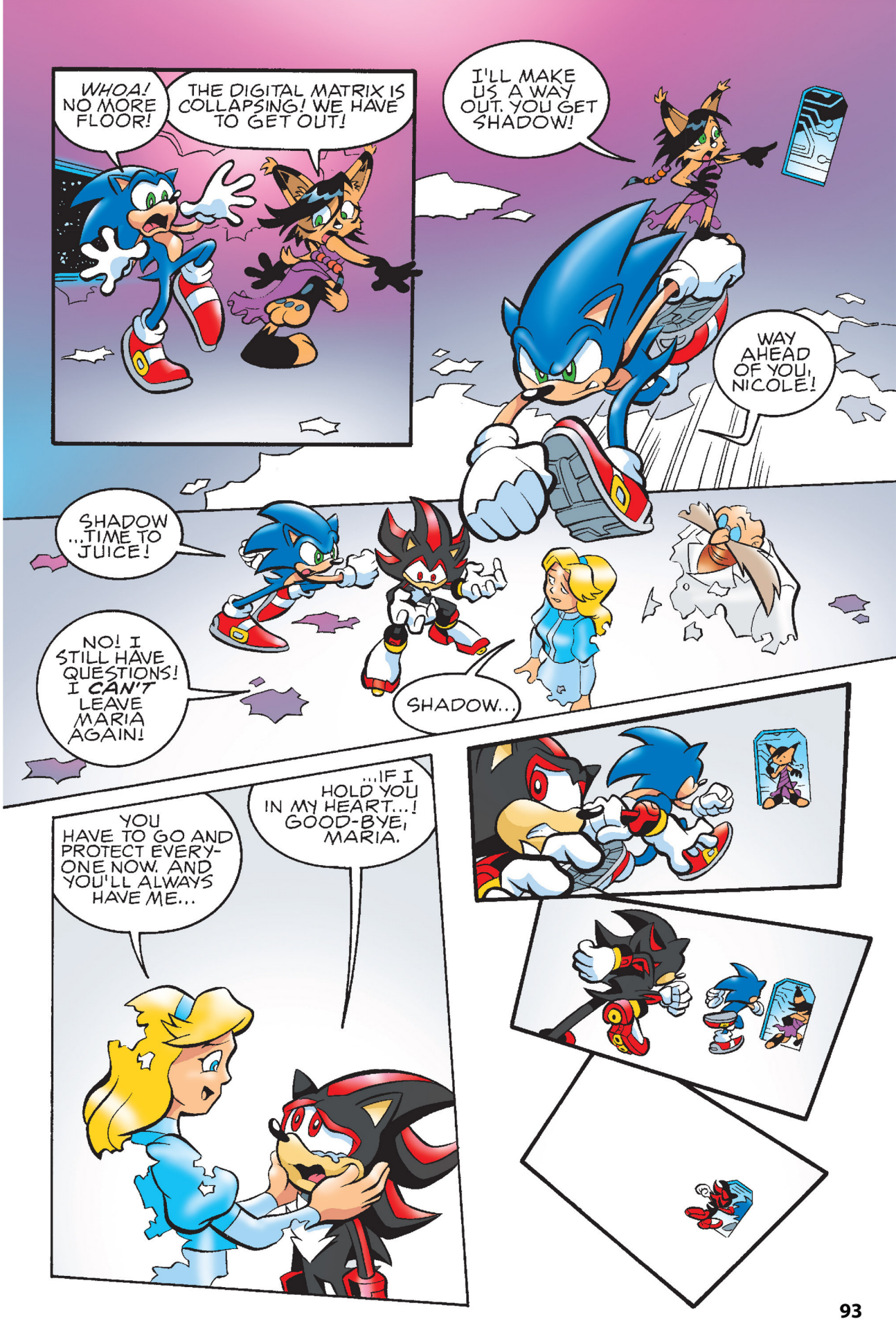
THEN HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN MY HAIR!


INSIDE GERALD'S DIARY...
MARIA... I THOUGHT I'D LOST YOU FOREVER.
DON'T BE SILLY, SHADOW. AS LONG AS YOU HOLD ME IN YOUR HEART AND THOUGHTS, WE'LL NEVER BE APART!
WHO ARE YOUR FRIENDS?
FRIENDS ...?
YEAH, HI, WE'RE STILL HERE. WE'RE HERE TO GET SOME ANSWERS, REMEMBER?
OF... OF COURSE...
MARIA, I HAVE BEEN IN CAPTIVITY FOR THE PAST FIFTY YEARS. I'VE FORGOTTEN MY PURPOSE... WHO I AM... PLEASE, TELL ME...
:GASP!: FIFTY YEARS? WE NEED TO SPEAK TO GRANDFATHER RIGHT AWAY!
WE MAY HAVE TO CUT THIS SHORT. THE DATA IS FRAGMENTING FAST...
I'M NOT LEAVING UNTIL I KNOW EVERYTHING.
THEN KNOW EVERYTHING, YOU SHALL...
HELLO, SON. FIFTY YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO WANDER IN THE DARK.


YEAH, CAN WE GET THE ABRIDGED VERSION, PROFESSOR? WE'RE SHORT ON TIME HERE.
OF COURSE. IN SHORT, SHADOW.. YOU ARE THE ULTIMATE PROTECTOR OF LIFE ON MOBIUS.
I AM?
INITIALLY, YOUR BODY WAS TO BE THE SOURCE FOR A CURE. MARIA DEVELOPED THE RARE NEURO-IMMUNO-DEFICIENCY SYNDROME. THERE IS NO CURE, AND I HOPED TO MAKE ONE IN YOU.
BUT THERE WERE BARRIERS I COULD NOT BREAK IN MY RESEARCH. DESPERATE, I SOUGHT THE AID OF BLACK DOOM, A MONSTROUS ALIEN WHO WANTED YOU TO BE HIS GREATEST WEAPON. HE HELPED ME CREATE YOU ... THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM ... AND GIVE YOU HIS RARE SKILLS IN CHAOS CONTROL. LITTLE DID BLACK DOOM KNOW THAT I WOULD LATER CHANGE YOU TO BE A CHAMPION FOR MOBIUS AGAINST HIM AND HIS BLACK ARMS. THE BLACK ARMS WILL RETURN TO MOBIUS IN FIFTY YEARS.
FIFTY YEARS? THEN THEY'RE LATE, OR...
NO WORRIES, NICOLE. THEY'RE BUSY FIGHTING WITH THE XORDA.* THEY WON'T BE COMING HERE ANY TIME SOON.
SO... WHAT AM I, THEN? A CURE? A WEAPON?
YOU ARE A SAVIOR, SHADOW. I'M SO SORRY SO MUCH HAS TO BE PUT ON YOUR SHOULDERS, BUT YOU ARE WELL PREPARED. YOU WERE CREATED WITH MY LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF MOBIUS SO THAT YOU MAY PROTECT THEM.
*EQUALLY DANGEROUS ALIEN MARAUDERS, AS WE DISCOVERED.


WHOA! NO MORE FLOOR!
THE DIGITAL MATRIX IS COLLAPSING! WE HAVE TO GET OUT!
I'LL MAKE US A WAY OUT. YOU GET SHADOW!
WAY AHEAD OF YOU, NICOLE!
SHADOW ...TIME TO JUICE!
NO! I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS! I CAN'T LEAVE MARIA AGAIN!
SHADOW...
...IF I HOLD YOU IN MY HEART...! GOOD-BYE, MARIA.
YOU HAVE TO GO AND PROTECT EVERY-ONE NOW. AND YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE ME...

FWASH!
WHOO-HA! WHAT A RIDE!
SONIC!
I'M GLAD YOU GUYS ARE BACK!
DITTO! DID FIONA EVER--?
SNIVELY'S ATTACKING OUTSIDE, AND KNUCKLES IS FENDING HIM OFF ALL BY HIMSELF!
WHAT? WHY?
HE WANTS HIS HAIR BACK!
ALL I WANTED WAS MY HAIR, YOU IDIOT! NOW YOU'LL BE CRUSHED FOR WASTING MY TIME!

I AM SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG. I AM THE UNION OF IDEALS DARK AND BENIGN BUT ULTIMATELY BUILT IN THE NAME OF LOVE.
I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM.
I AM THE PROTECTOR OF MOBIUS.
RUN HOME TO YOUR MASTER AND TELL HIM.
THIS IS WHO I AM.
HMPH. SHOW-OFF.
DON'T WORRY. I'M SURE HE'LL BE AS MOODY AND BROODING AS EVER.
WELL... AFTER ALL THAT, WHAT DO WE DO?
WE FIND OUT WHY MY GIRLFRIEND IS VANISHING LATELY. IT'S TIME I GOT SOME ANSWERS!

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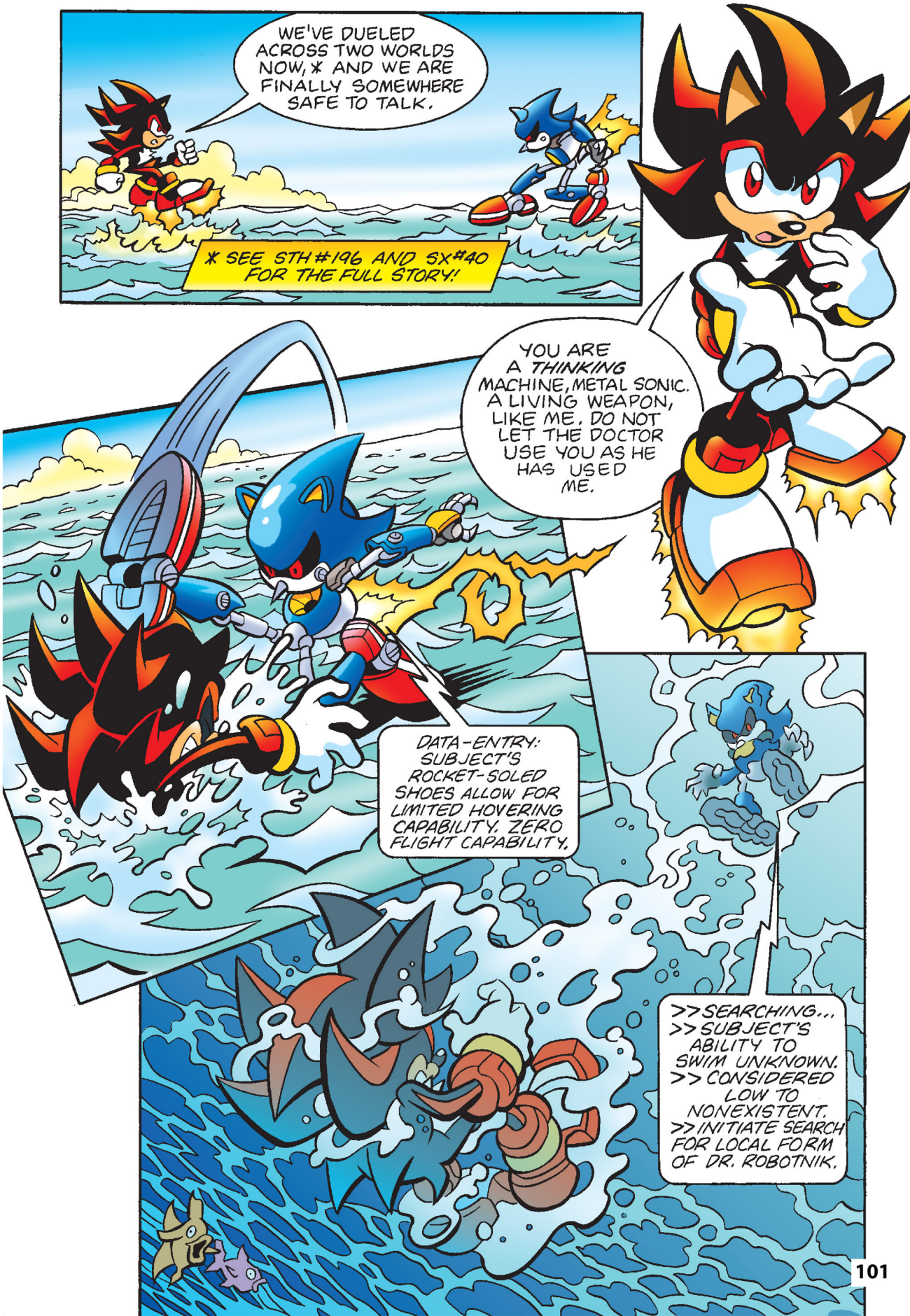
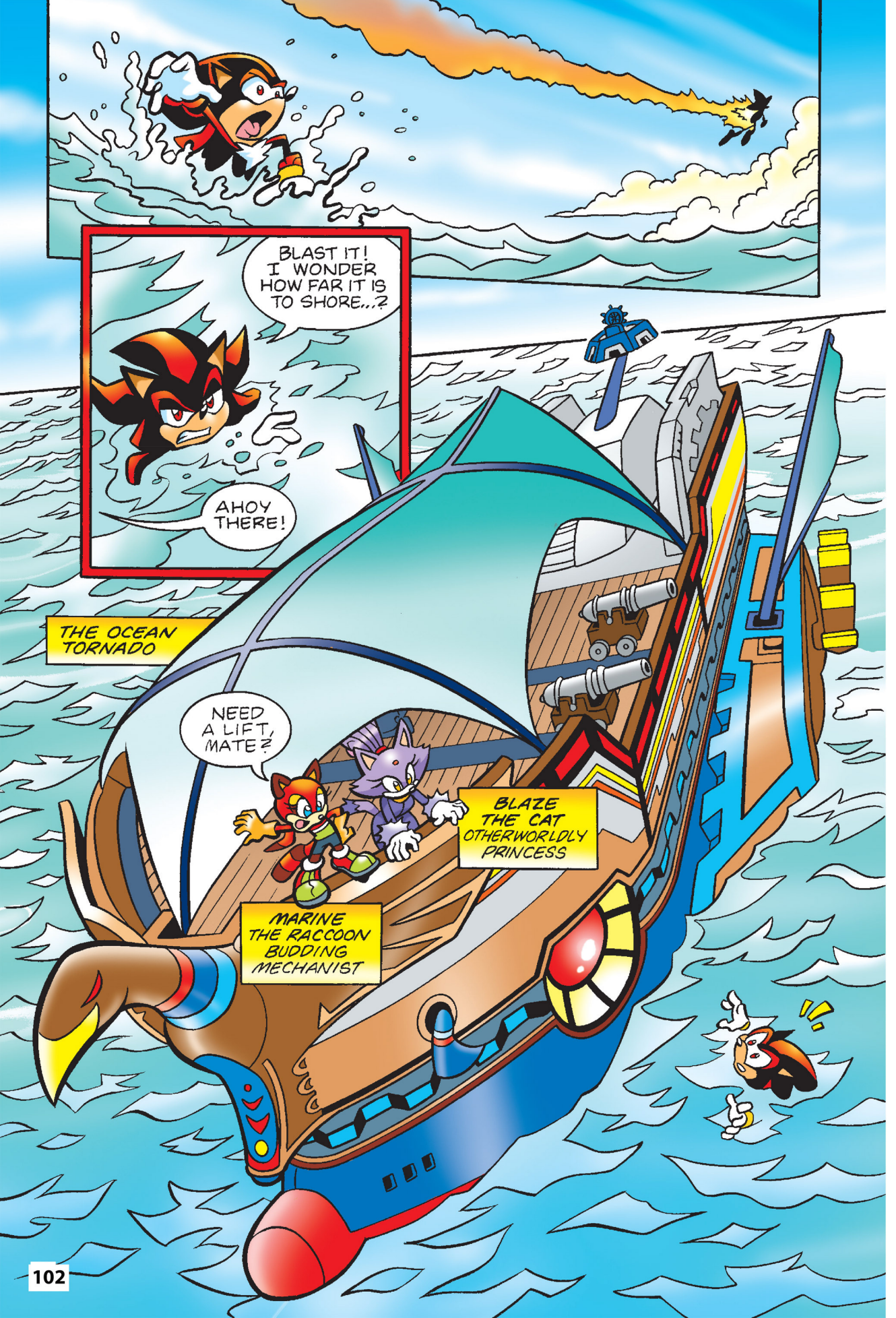
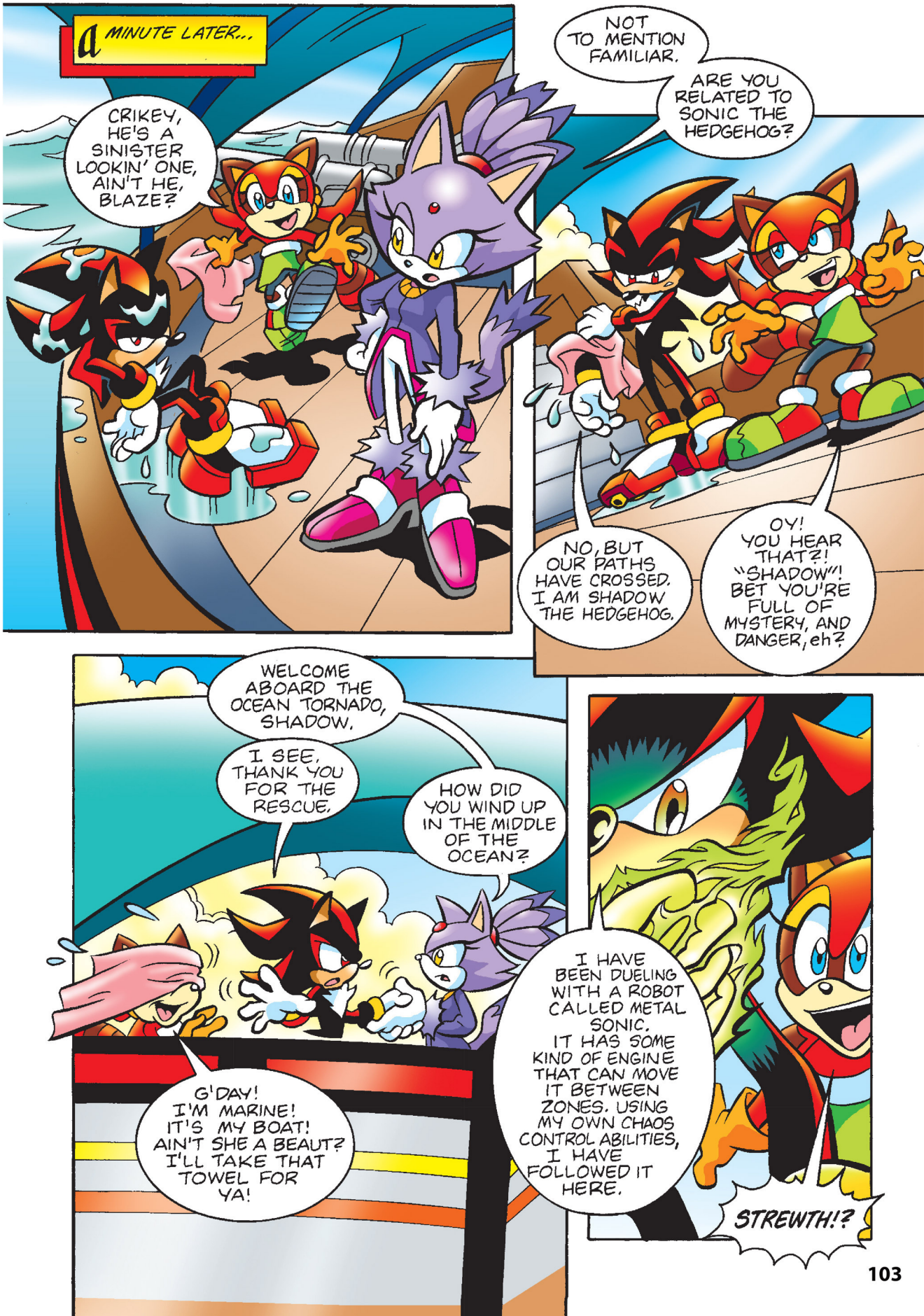
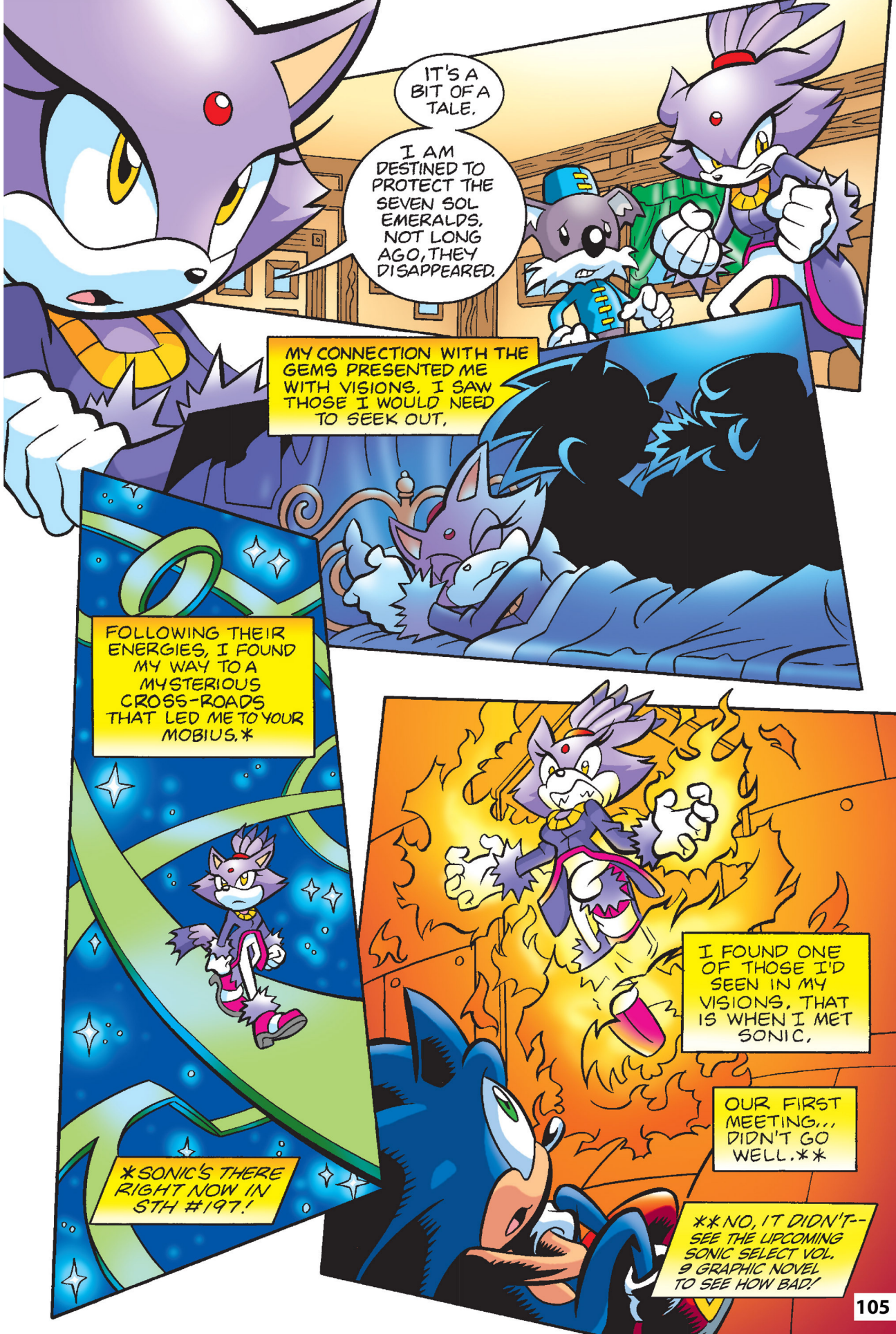
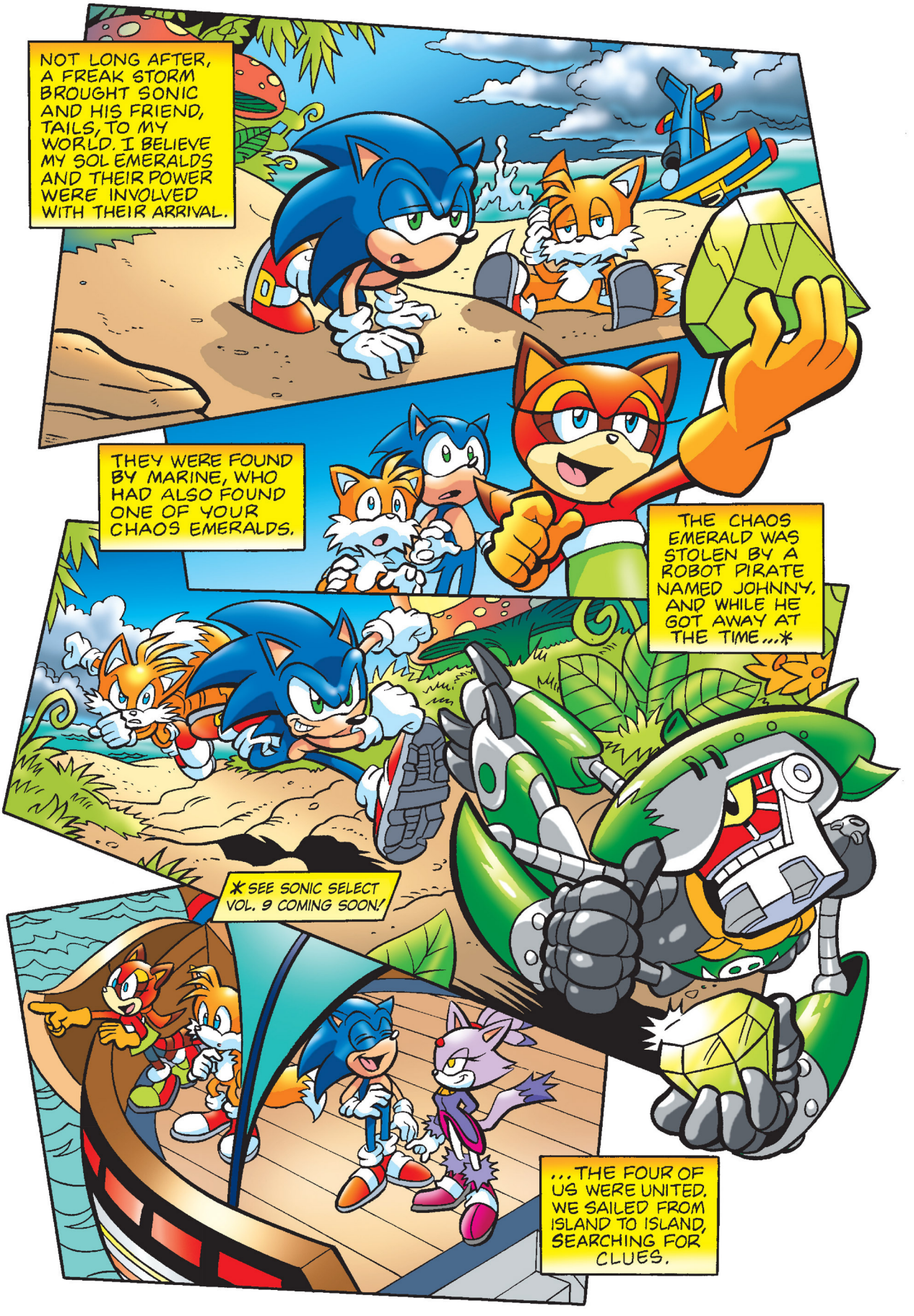

WE'VE DUELED ACROSS TWO WORLDS NOW,* AND WE ARE FINALLY SOMEWHERE SAFE TO TALK.
* SEE STH #196 AND SX#40 FOR THE FULL STORY!
YOU ARE A THINKING MACHINE, METAL SONIC. A LIVING WEAPON, LIKE ME. DO NOT LET THE DOCTOR USE YOU AS HE HAS USED ME.
DATA-ENTRY: SUBJECT'S ROCKET-SOLED SHOES ALLOW FOR LIMITED HOVERING CAPABILITY. ZERO FLIGHT CAPABILITY.
>>SEARCHING...
>>SUBJECT'S ABILITY TO SWIM UNKNOWN.
>>CONSIDERED LOW TO NONEXISTENT.
>>INITIATE SEARCH FOR LOCAL FORM OF DR. ROBOTNIK.

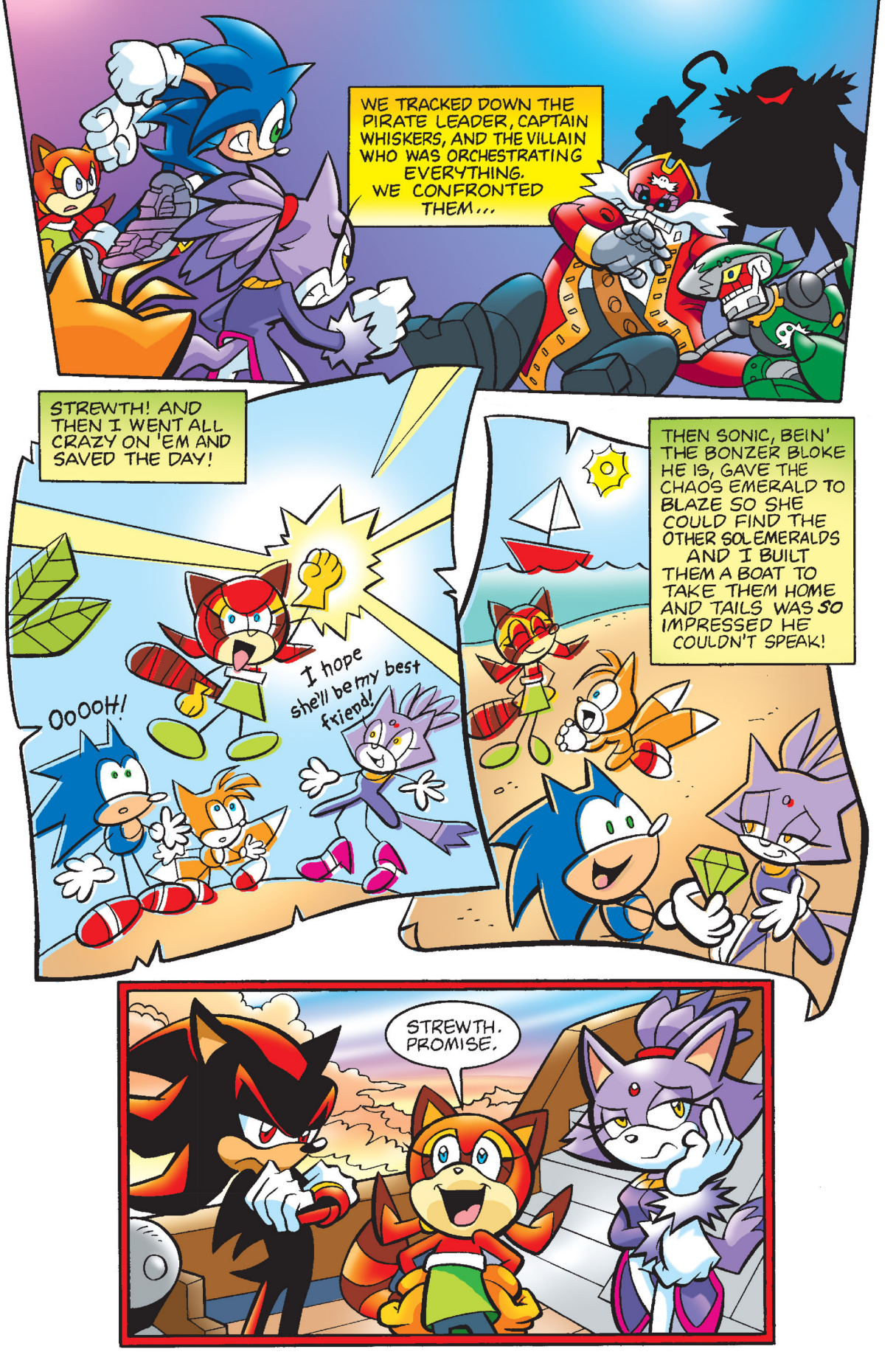

BLAST IT! I WONDER HOW FAR IT IS TO SHORE...?
AHOY THERE!
THE OCEAN TORNADO
NEED A LIFT, MATE?
BLAZE THE CAT OTHERWORLDLY PRINCESS
MARINE THE RACCOON BUDDING MECHANIST


A MINUTE LATER...
CRIKEY, HE'S A SINISTER LOOKIN' ONE, AIN'T HE, BLAZE?
ARE YOU RELATED TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?
NOT TO MENTION FAMILIAR.
NO, BUT OUR PATHS HAVE CROSSED. I AM SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG.
OY! YOU HEAR THAT?! "SHADOW"! BET YOU'RE FULL OF MYSTERY, AND DANGER, eh?
WELCOME ABOARD THE OCEAN TORNADO, SHADOW.
I SEE, THANK YOU FOR THE RESCUE.
HOW DID YOU WIND UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN?
G'DAY! I'M MARINE! IT'S MY BOAT! AIN'T SHE A BEAUT? I'LL TAKE THAT TOWEL FOR YA!
I HAVE BEEN DUELING WITH A ROBOT CALLED METAL SONIC. IT HAS SOME KIND OF ENGINE THAT CAN MOVE IT BETWEEN ZONES. USING MY OWN CHAOS CONTROL ABILITIES, I HAVE FOLLOWED IT HERE.
STREWTH!?

I ASSUME "HERE" IS NOT MOBIUS?
I'M AFRAID NOT. MY NAME IS BLAZE, AND THIS IS MY WORLD.
SHE'S A PRINCESS!
AND THIS IS MARINE...
I ALREADY TOLD HIM THAT!
...WHO HELPED TO CONSTRUCT THIS SHIP,
AND CAPTAIN IT!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU CAPTAIN US TOWARDS THE NEAREST PORT, MARIE?
THAT'S "MARINE", YA HALF-EMPTY GULLY SACK. AND MAYBE I WILL.
WHAT CAN I SAY? IT'S HER SHIP.
Hmph. TELL ME--IF THIS IS YOUR WORLD, HOW DO YOU KNOW SONIC?


IT'S A BIT OF A TALE.
I AM DESTINED TO PROTECT THE SEVEN SOL EMERALDS. NOT LONG AGO, THEY DISAPPEARED.
MY CONNECTION WITH THE GEMS PRESENTED ME WITH VISIONS. I SAW THOSE I WOULD NEED TO SEEK OUT.
FOLLOWING THEIR ENERGIES, I FOUND MY WAY TO A MYSTERIOUS CROSS-ROADS THAT LED ME TO YOUR MOBIUS.*
*SONIC'S THERE RIGHT NOW IN STH #197!
I FOUND ONE OF THOSE I'D SEEN IN MY VISIONS. THAT IS WHEN I MET SONIC.
OUR FIRST MEETING... DIDN'T GO WELL.**
**NO, IT DIDN'T-- SEE THE UPCOMING SONIC SELECT VOL. 9 GRAPHIC NOVEL TO SEE HOW BAD!

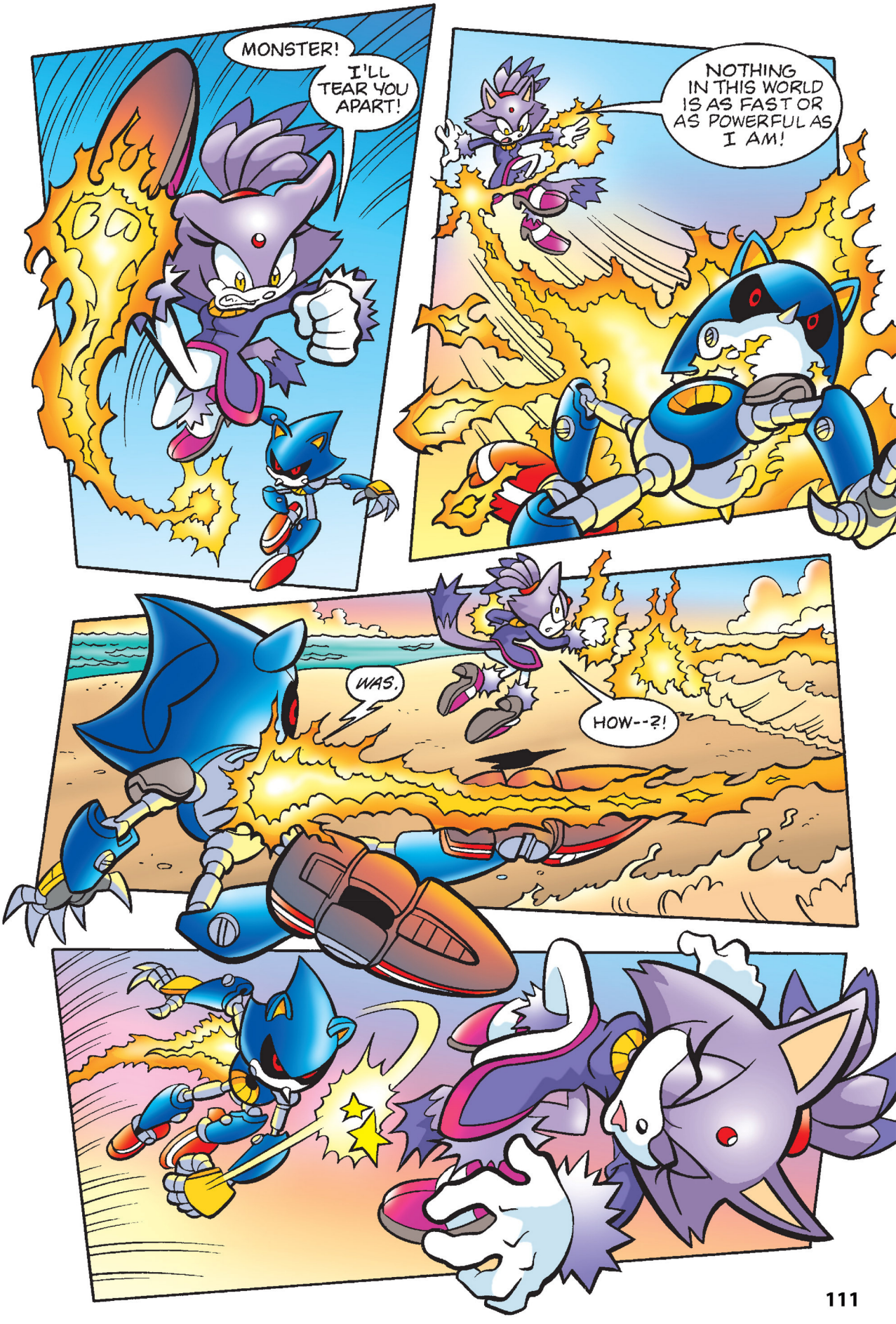

NOT LONG AFTER, A FREAK STORM BROUGHT SONIC AND HIS FRIEND, TAILS, TO MY WORLD. I BELIEVE MY SOL EMERALDS AND THEIR POWER WERE INVOLVED WITH THEIR ARRIVAL.
THEY WERE FOUND BY MARINE, WHO HAD ALSO FOUND ONE OF YOUR CHAOS EMERALDS.
THE CHAOS EMERALD WAS STOLEN BY A ROBOT PIRATE NAMED JOHNNY, AND WHILE HE GOT AWAY AT THE TIME...*
*SEE SONIC SELECT VOL. 9 COMING SOON!
...THE FOUR OF US WERE UNITED. WE SAILED FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND, SEARCHING FOR CLUES.

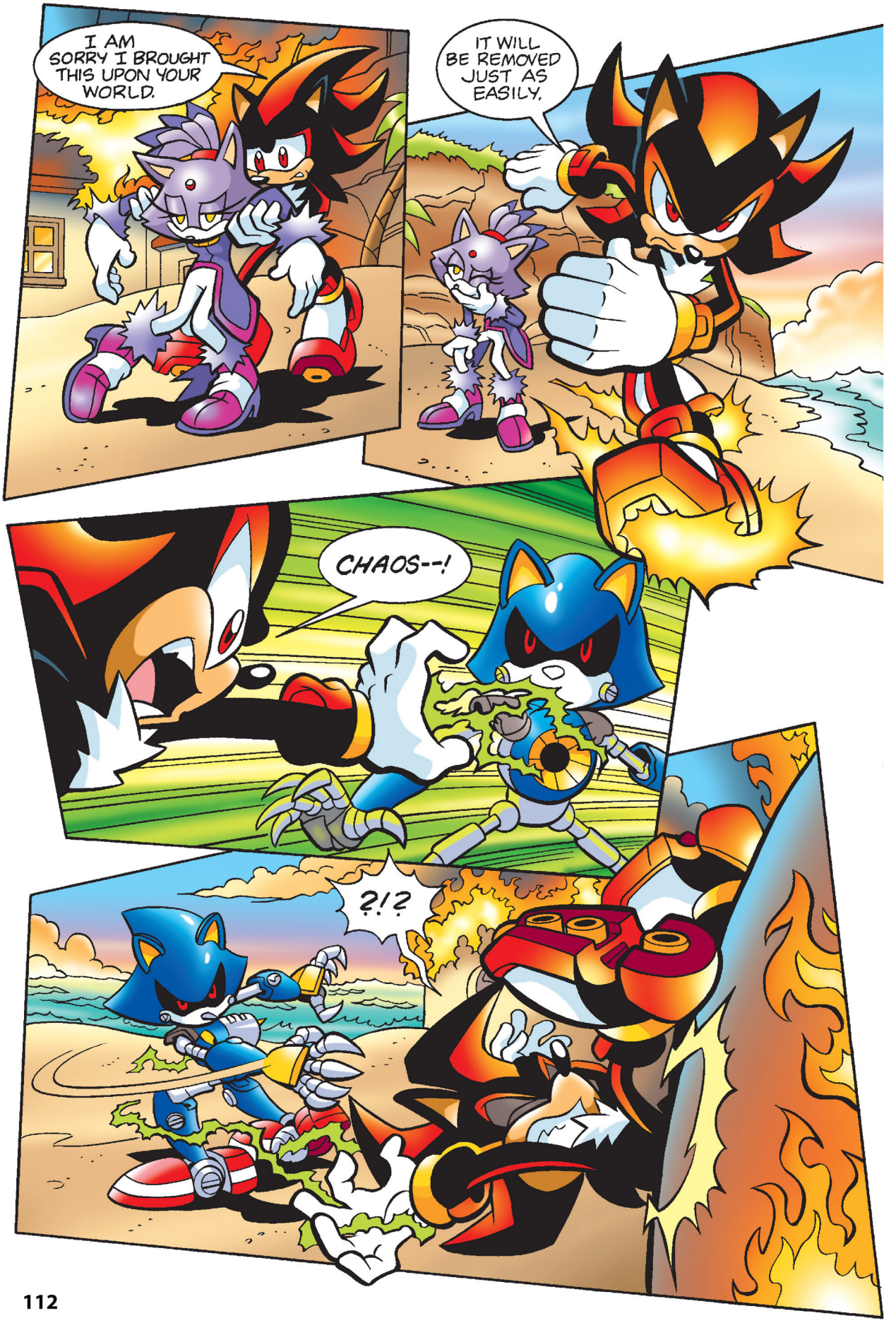

WE TRACKED DOWN THE PIRATE LEADER, CAPTAIN WHISKERS, AND THE VILLAIN WHO WAS ORCHESTRATING EVERYTHING. WE CONFRONTED THEM...
STREWTH! AND THEN I WENT ALL CRAZY ON 'EM AND SAVED THE DAY!
OOOOH!
I hope she'll be my best friend!
THEN SONIC, BEIN' THE BONZER BLOKE HE IS, GAVE THE CHAOS EMERALD TO BLAZE SO SHE COULD FIND THE OTHER SOLEMERALDS AND I BUILT THEM A BOAT TO TAKE THEM HOME AND TAILS WAS SO IMPRESSED HE COULDN'T SPEAK!
STREWTH. PROMISE.

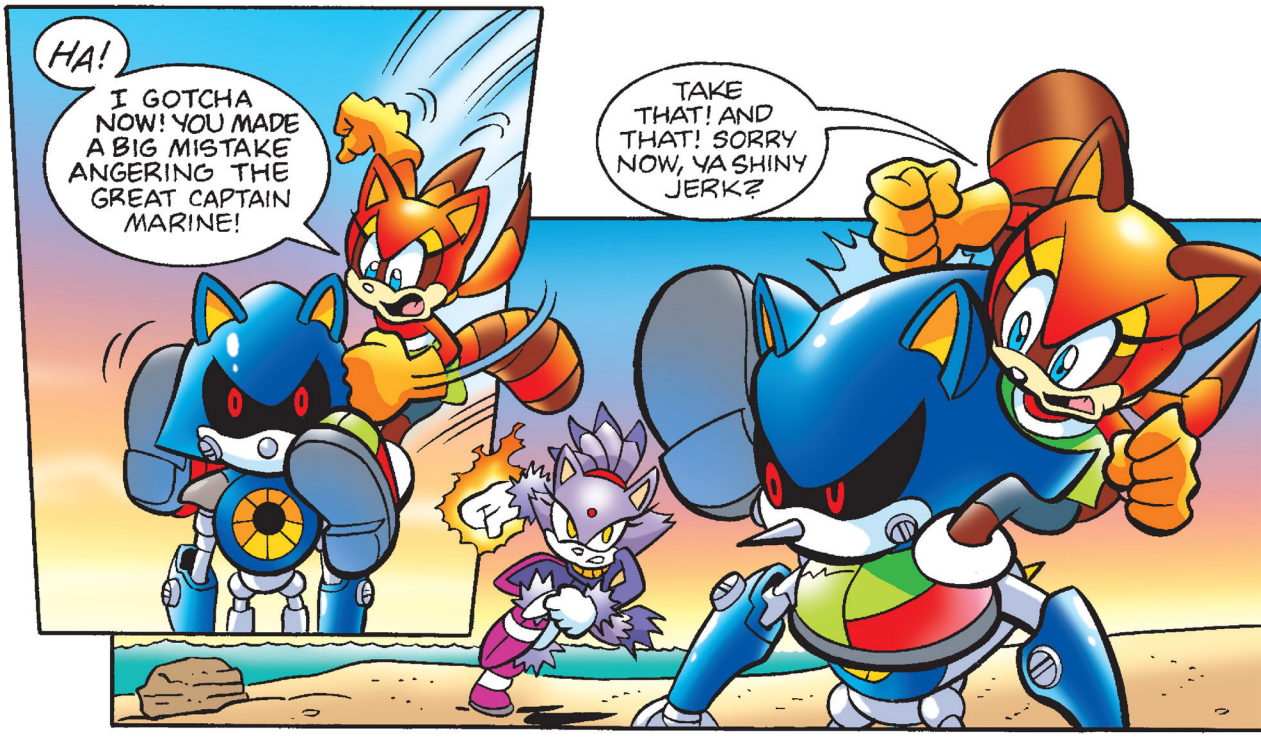
WOULD YOU PLEASE JUST PULL US INTO PORT?
BLIMEY! YOU TRY TO TELL A GOOD STORY AND THEY CRAWL ALL OVER YOU...
PERHAPS MY MISSION CAN BE SALVAGED AFTER ALL.
WHAT MISSION?
I WAS TRYING TO BREACH THE SPECIAL ZONE AND ACQUIRE A CHAOS EMERALD BEFORE I WAS SIDE-TRACKED BY METAL SONIC.
I SEE.
ONCE WE'RE TOPSIDE ON SOUTHERN ISLAND, I CAN...
OY! BLAZE!
WHAT, MARINE?
...DO YOU SMELL SMOKE?

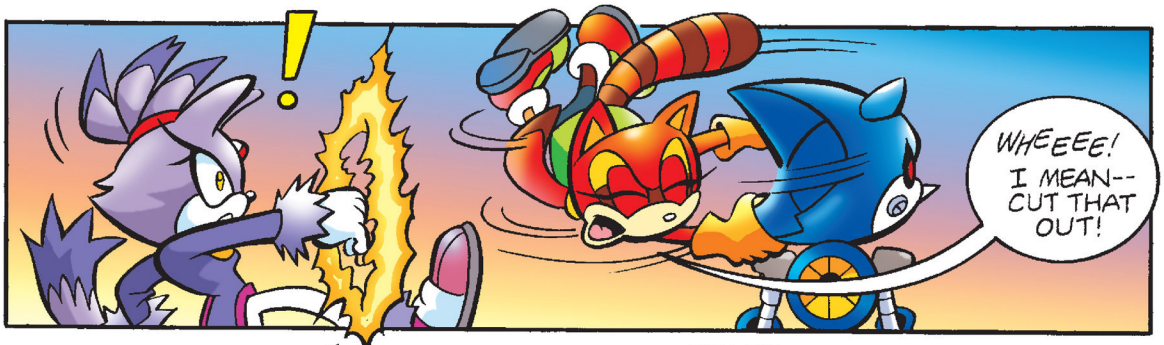
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! THE CAPTAIN MUST HAVE A DEATH WISH.
PRINCESS! THANK HEAVENS! IT CAME FROM NOWHERE...
I'M SURE YOU FOUGHT BRAVELY. IS IT WHISKERS' CREW?
NO! SOMETHING WORSE! IT KEEPS DEMANDING TO SEE A DOCTOR, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHO...
RESIDENT. YOU WILL PROVIDE THIS UNIT WITH THE LOCATION OF YOUR DR. ROBOTNIK. YOU WILL COMPLY IMMEDIATELY.

YOUR "METAL SONIC"?
YES. HOPEFULLY I CAN REASON WITH IT AND MAKE IT BACK DOWN.
IT IS ATTACKING MY PEOPLE.
IT DOESN'T GET A CHANCE TO BACK DOWN!
>>HOSTILES DETECTED. >>ENGAGING.
FWOO-KOW


MONSTER!
I'LL TEAR YOU APART!
NOTHING IN THIS WORLD IS AS FAST OR AS POWERFUL AS I AM!
WAS.
HOW--?!

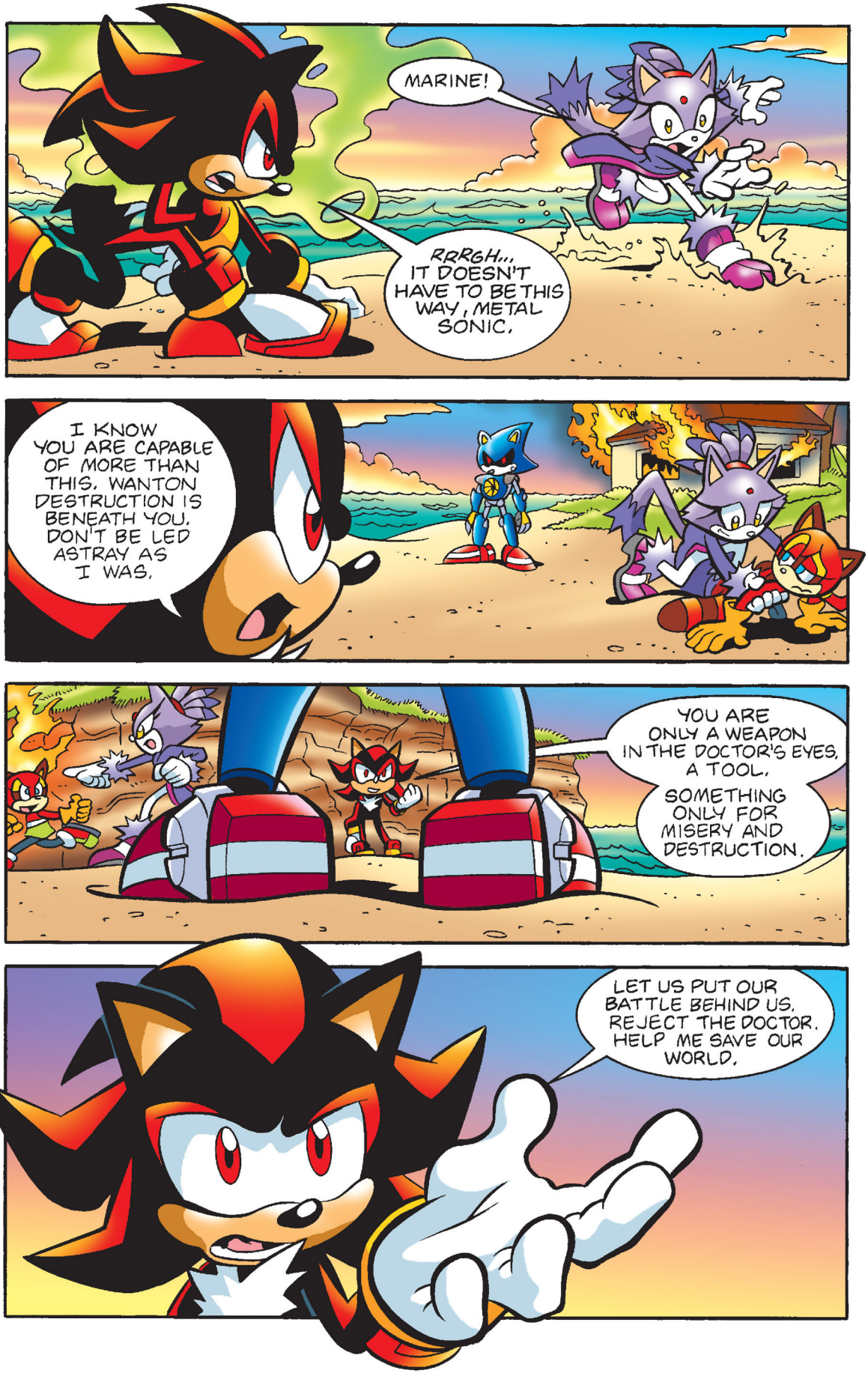

I AM SORRY I BROUGHT THIS UPON YOUR WORLD.
IT WILL BE REMOVED JUST AS EASILY.
CHAOS--!
?!?

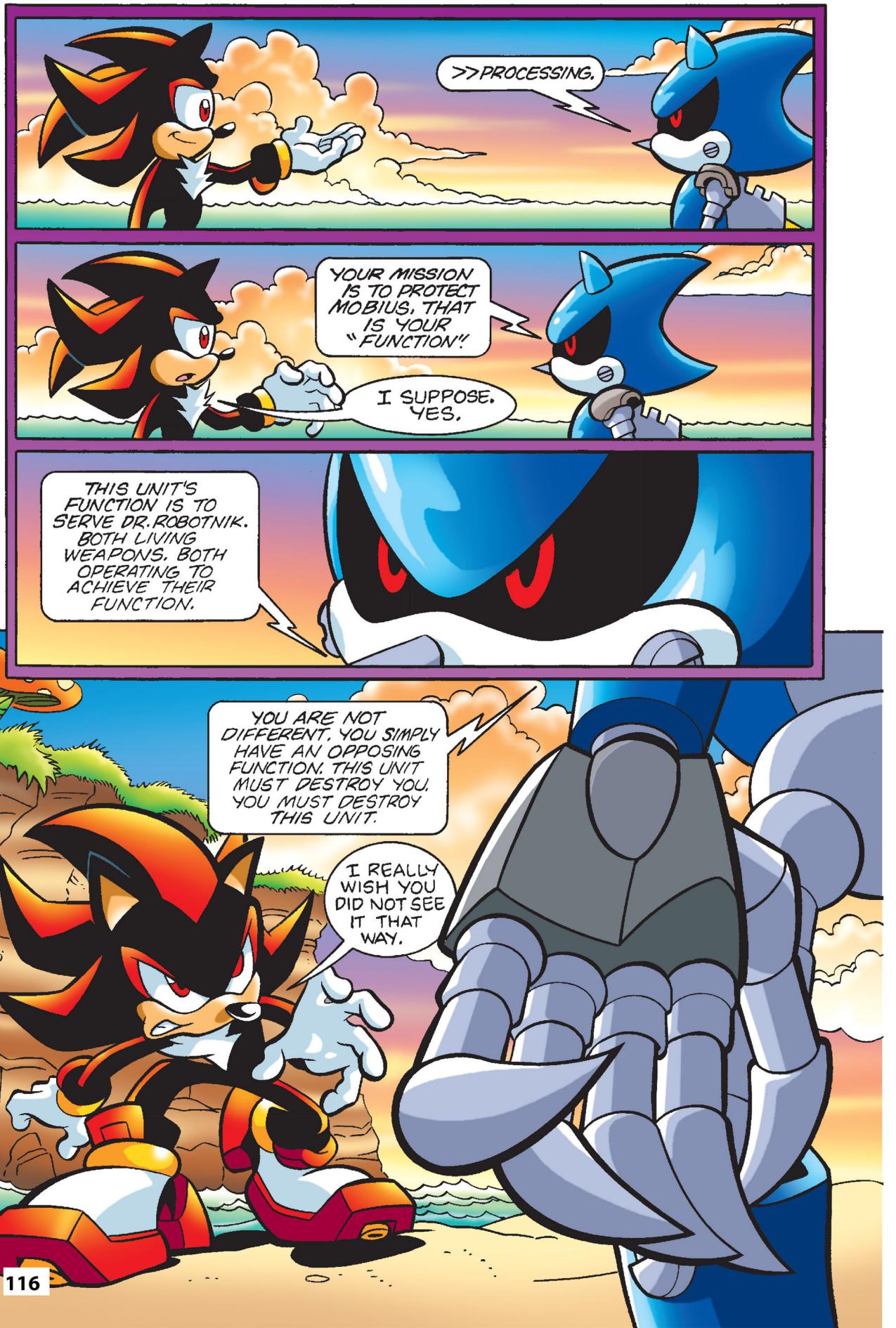

HA!
I GOTCHA NOW! YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE ANGERING THE GREAT CAPTAIN MARINE!
TAKE THAT! AND THAT! SORRY NOW, YA SHINY JERK?


!
WHEEEE! I MEAN-- CUT THAT OUT!

YOU WON'T THROW ME OFF THAT EASILY!
CLOD

CHAOS--!
--SPEAR-HRK!
MOVE, MARY!
I'M WORKIN' HERE! AND IT'S "MARINE"!
SKYOW
ARGH!
CRIKEY!

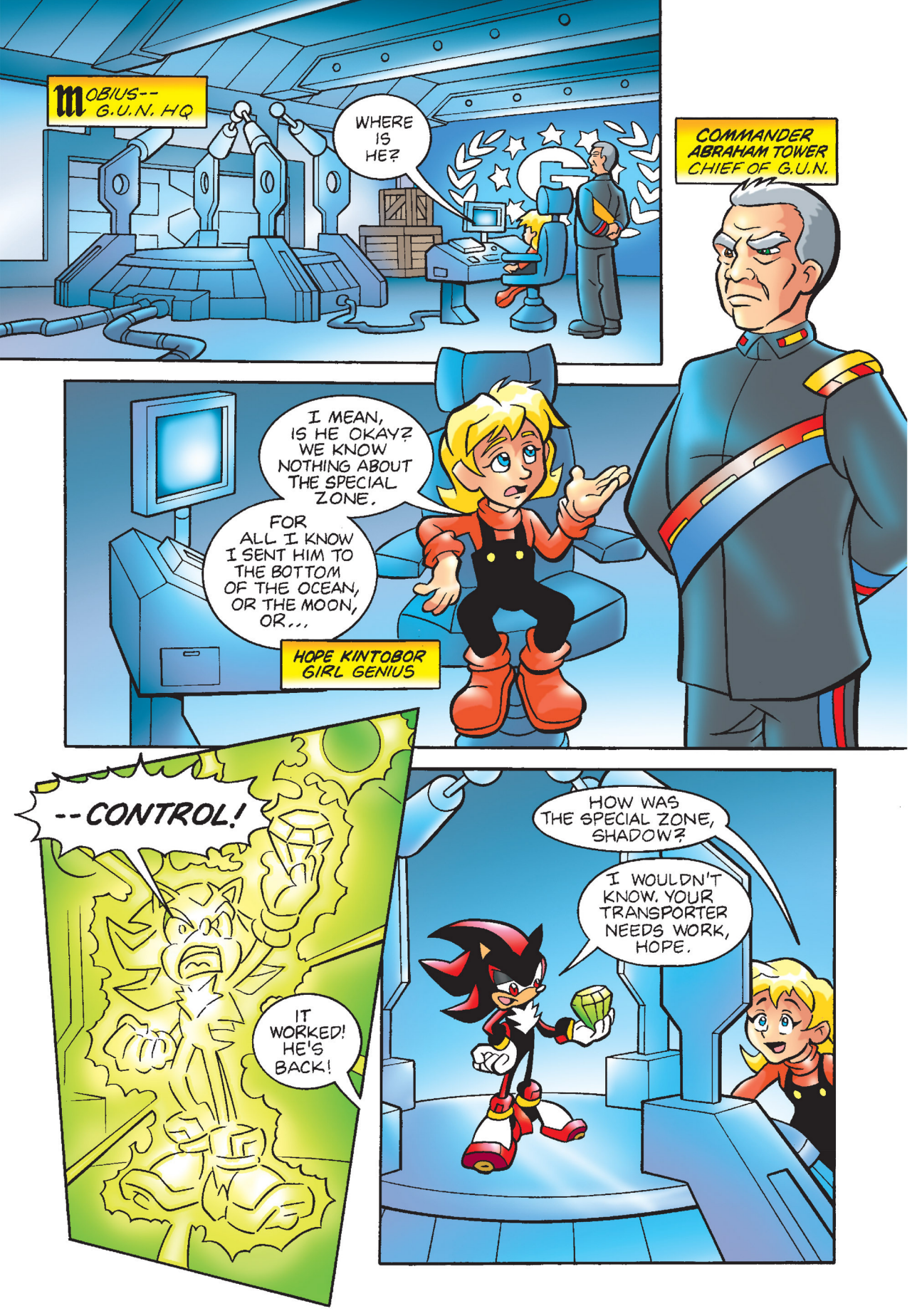

MARINE!
RRRGH... IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY, METAL SONIC.
I KNOW YOU ARE CAPABLE OF MORE THAN THIS. WANTON DESTRUCTION IS BENEATH YOU. DON'T BE LED ASTRAY AS I WAS.
YOU ARE ONLY A WEAPON IN THE DOCTOR'S EYES, A TOOL.
SOMETHING ONLY FOR MISERY AND DESTRUCTION.
LET US PUT OUR BATTLE BEHIND US, REJECT THE DOCTOR. HELP ME SAVE OUR WORLD.


>>PROCESSING.
YOUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT MOBIUS, THAT IS YOUR "FUNCTION"!
I SUPPOSE. YES.
THIS UNIT'S FUNCTION IS TO SERVE DR. ROBOTNIK. BOTH LIVING WEAPONS. BOTH OPERATING TO ACHIEVE THEIR FUNCTION.
YOU ARE NOT DIFFERENT. YOU SIMPLY HAVE AN OPPOSING FUNCTION. THIS UNIT MUST DESTROY YOU. YOU MUST DESTROY THIS UNIT.
I REALLY WISH YOU DID NOT SEE IT THAT WAY.

NOW, BLAZE!
FWOOMP
POW
NICE KNOWIN' YOU, MATE.
ALL CANNONS-- FIRE!
POOM
BLAM

SHORTLY...
YAHOO!!!
THAT WAS RIPPER! DID YOU SEE HOW HE BLEW UP?!
YES. ALONG WITH THE DIMENSIONAL ENGINE THAT WAS MY ONLY WAY HOME.
Ah! ROIGHT... Hrm.
SINCE YOU BLEW IT UP, PERHAPS YOU COULD BUILD ME A BOAT AS YOU DID TAILS?
Ah... SEE... IT WAS MORE LIKE HE BUILT IT AND I... OVERSAW... DEVELOPMENT?

BE PATIENT WITH HER, SHE MEANS WELL.
A CHAOS EMERALD!
YOU'RE GIVING IT TO ME FREELY?
THANKS TO SONIC'S GENEROSITY, I'VE FOUND A FEW OF THE SOL EMERALDS. THEY'LL SERVE FOR THE REST OF MY SEARCH.
NOW I CAN RETURN THE FAVOR BY HELPING ONE OF HIS FRIENDS FIND HIS WAY HOME.
FRIEND...? I SUPPOSE.
IT'S NOT OFTEN MY LIFE IS SAVED TWICE IN ONE DAY.
THANK YOU, PRINCESS.
PLEASE, JUST CALL ME BLAZE. SAFE TRAVELS, SHADOW.
CHAOS--!


MOBIUS-- G.U.N. HQ
WHERE IS HE?
COMMANDER ABRAHAM TOWER CHIEF OF G.U.N.
I MEAN, IS HE OKAY? WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE SPECIAL ZONE.
FOR ALL I KNOW I SENT HIM TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN, OR THE MOON, OR...
HOPE KINTOBOR GIRL GENIUS
--CONTROL!
IT WORKED! HE'S BACK!
HOW WAS THE SPECIAL ZONE, SHADOW?
I WOULDN'T KNOW. YOUR TRANSPORTER NEEDS WORK, HOPE.

THEN WHERE DID THIS...?
AGENT SHADOW.
COMMANDER TOWER, SIR. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO BECOMING MY TOP AGENT. ANY TROUBLE?
NONE, ASIDE FROM CROSSING THREE ZONES AND NEUTRALIZING THE LATEST METAL SONIC.
BUT HE GOT A CHAOS EMERALD LIKE YOU ASKED HIM TO!
PRECISELY.
GOOD JOB, AGENT SHADOW. REST UP. YOUR NEXT MISSION DEPARTS TONIGHT.

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SONIC SUPER SPECIAL

INTERVIEW WITH - STEVE DOWNER - COLORIST -

STEVE DOWNER
COLORIST ON SONIC UNIVERSE AND NOW SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

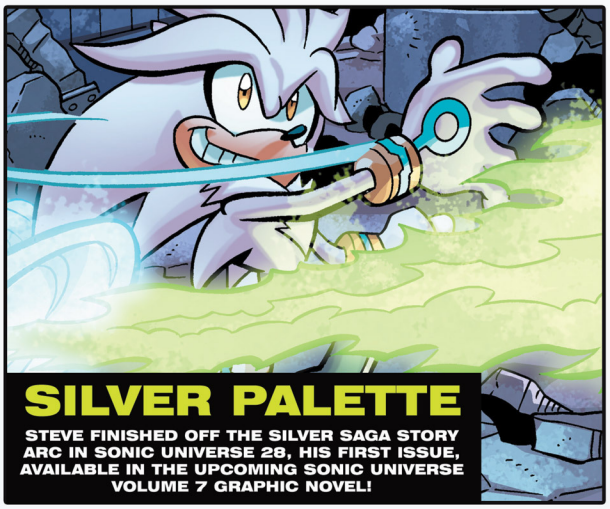
SSSM: Steve, you've been coloring the Sonic comics for quite some time now! How did you start working with Archie?

SD: I first made contact with Archie in 2010 at Heroes Con in Charlotte, where I met Executive Director of Editorial Paul Kaminski and gave him a copy of my coloring portfolio. I'd nearly forgotten about that when, a year later, I received a phone call from Paul, asking if I'd be willing to start coloring Sonic Universe #28, to wrap up the last issue of a Silver the Hedgehog story arc. I've been actively involved coloring one thing or another for Archie since that date.

SSSM: Your other comic works are different in tone and style. What is your process for coloring the Sonic comic universe?

SD: I approach Sonic the same way I do any other project- I research the characters and world, look at the artists' other work for ideas on what type of coloring best fits their drawing style, and see what others have done with similar material. In the case of Sonic Universe and Sonic, the other incarnations of these characters in video games and animation influenced my style- I tend to approach the environments as a painting exercise, and use much simpler rendering on the characters.

My process for the book is generally to break it up into chunks and work on several pages at a time. I begin by setting up the flat colors to reflect the mood and color scheme for each scene, then I shade and detail the backgrounds, and finally I go in and render the characters, and it's on to the next chunk.



SILVER PALETTE
STEVE FINISHED OFF THE SILVER SAGA STORY ARC IN SONIC UNIVERSE 28, HIS FIRST ISSUE, AVAILABLE IN THE UPCOMING SONIC UNIVERSE VOLUME 7 GRAPHIC NOVEL!

SSSM: How do comics appeal to you? What aspects of the industry made you want to go professional?

SD: I grew up reading comics like Tintin and Asterix, as well as Batman and Spider-Man, and comics storytelling captured my imagination from an early age. I've been drawing comics and comic book characters for as long as I can remember. One of my favorite things about comics is that the medium can tell any kind of story you can imagine- a storyteller's only limited by what their hand can draw.

PIGMENT PERFECT!

STEVE KEPT A KEEN EYE AND TRIED TO MATCH THE COLORISTS THAT PRECEDED HIM TO GET A GRIP ON THE SONIC WORLD. IN THE BABYLON RISING STORY ARC, STEVE UNLEASHED HIS FULL POTENTIAL WITH A COLORING STYLE ALL HIS OWN, COMING SOON TO SONIC UNIVERSE VOLUME 9 GRAPHIC NOVEL!

Coloring began to appeal to me when I was in my early teens and had a copy of Photoshop to mess around with. Once I realized that I had everything I needed to do what the professional colorists did, there was no going back. I was able to grow as a colorist by interacting with comics professionals on message boards, posting work and receiving critiques, until I was good enough that work offers began coming in.

SSSM: Do you have any favorite moments from your past Sonic works? What advice would you give to an aspiring colorist?

SD: The Babylon Rising story arc, in Sonic Universe 33-36, is one of my favorites because it's the first story arc where I felt like I'd really found my feet as a colorist on Sonic. In arcs before that I'd either been mimicking the style of the colorist before me, or experimenting to find a style that I felt worked on the characters and their world.

Sonic Universe #45, the Sonic Racing All-Stars one-shot, was also a favorite because it's one where I felt like everything clicked really well in the coloring. There were a couple color palettes in that issue that I've been itching to use again when I get the chance.

To any aspiring colorists, I'd say to never stop trying to improve. Gain as broad a base of artistic influences as possible, both inside and outside comics. Always listen to feedback from people who are willing to critique your work. And don't just color! The better an artist you are as a whole, the better you'll be as a colorist.■

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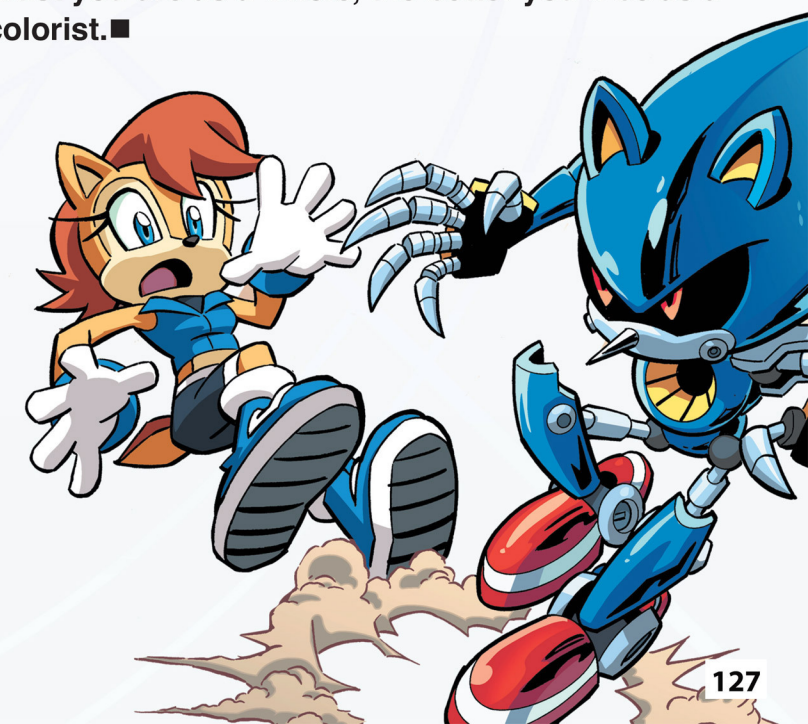
STEVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF COLORING OUR COMIC ADAPTATION OF SONIC AND ALL STARS RACING TRANSFORMED, FEATURING A DIVERSE CAST OF SEGA LEGENDS, AVAILABLE IN SONIC SELECT VOLUME 9!